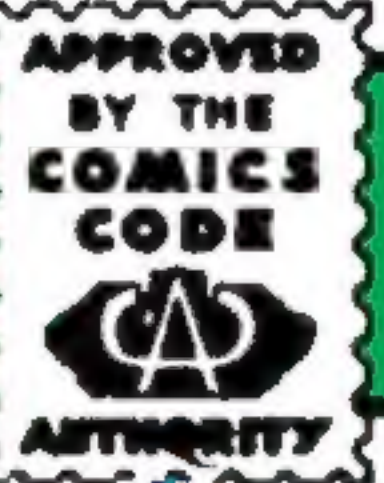


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DAREDEVIL!
MEET MADAME M'EVIL'S
**TERRIBLE
TRIO!**

**RAMROD—
THE
SCREAMER—
AND THE
DARK MESSIAH!**



WE'RE THE
**LAST
THINGS YOU'LL
MEET—
IN THIS
LIFE!**



Stan Lee PRESENTS: **DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!**™

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WITNESS: A
SCENE OF UNMITIGATED
TERROR!

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR--
UNCONSCIOUS--HELD
EFFORTLESSLY OFF THE
GROUND BY THE IRON-
THEWED ARMS OF
KRAVEN THE HUNTER!

IT BEGAN AS A DINNER
PARTY, HERE AT THE
HOME OF MATT MURDOCK'S
SENIOR LAW-PARTNER,
KERWIN J. BRODERICK.

IT IS
ABOUT TO
END IN
TRAGEDY--!

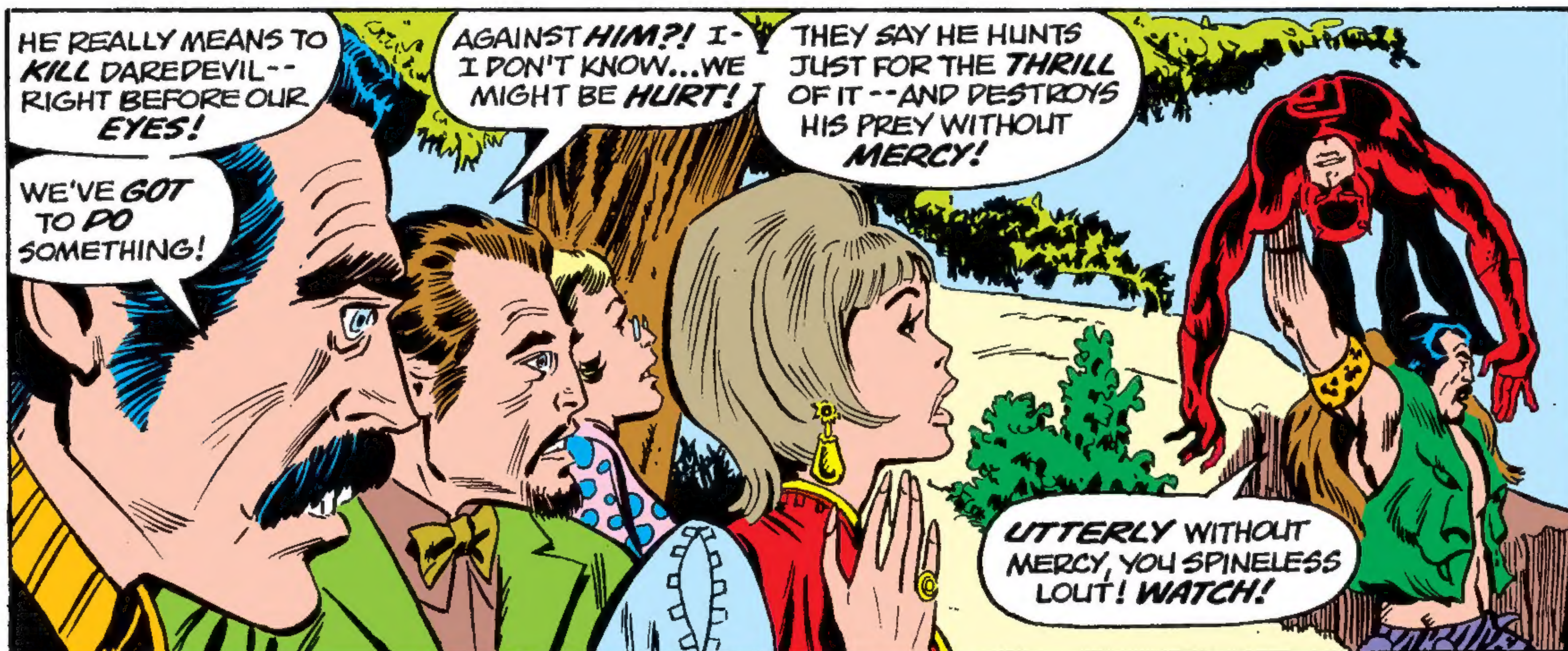
FOR THIS IS NO
MERE STANCE OF
VICTORY KRAVEN
HAS ASSUMED--NO
BRAZEN DISPLAY
OF POWER--

-- BUT, RATHER, THE
POSE OF THE
EXECUTIONER, STRUCK
SOME FIFTY FEET
ABOVE THE POUNDING
PACIFIC SURF!

MENACE

FROM
THE

MOONS OF SATURN!



HE REALLY MEANS TO KILL DAREDEVIL-- RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!

WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

AGAINST HIM?! I-I DON'T KNOW...WE MIGHT BE HURT!

THEY SAY HE HUNTS JUST FOR THE THRILL OF IT --AND DESTROYS HIS PREY WITHOUT MERCY!

UTTERLY WITHOUT MERCY, YOU SPINELESS LOU! WATCH!



WHILE, MERE YARDS AWAY...

OH, MY ACHING BODY! WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

WAIT...I REMEMBER...! THE POTION-TIPPED PART OF KRAVEN'S... I PASSED OUT... FELL...!

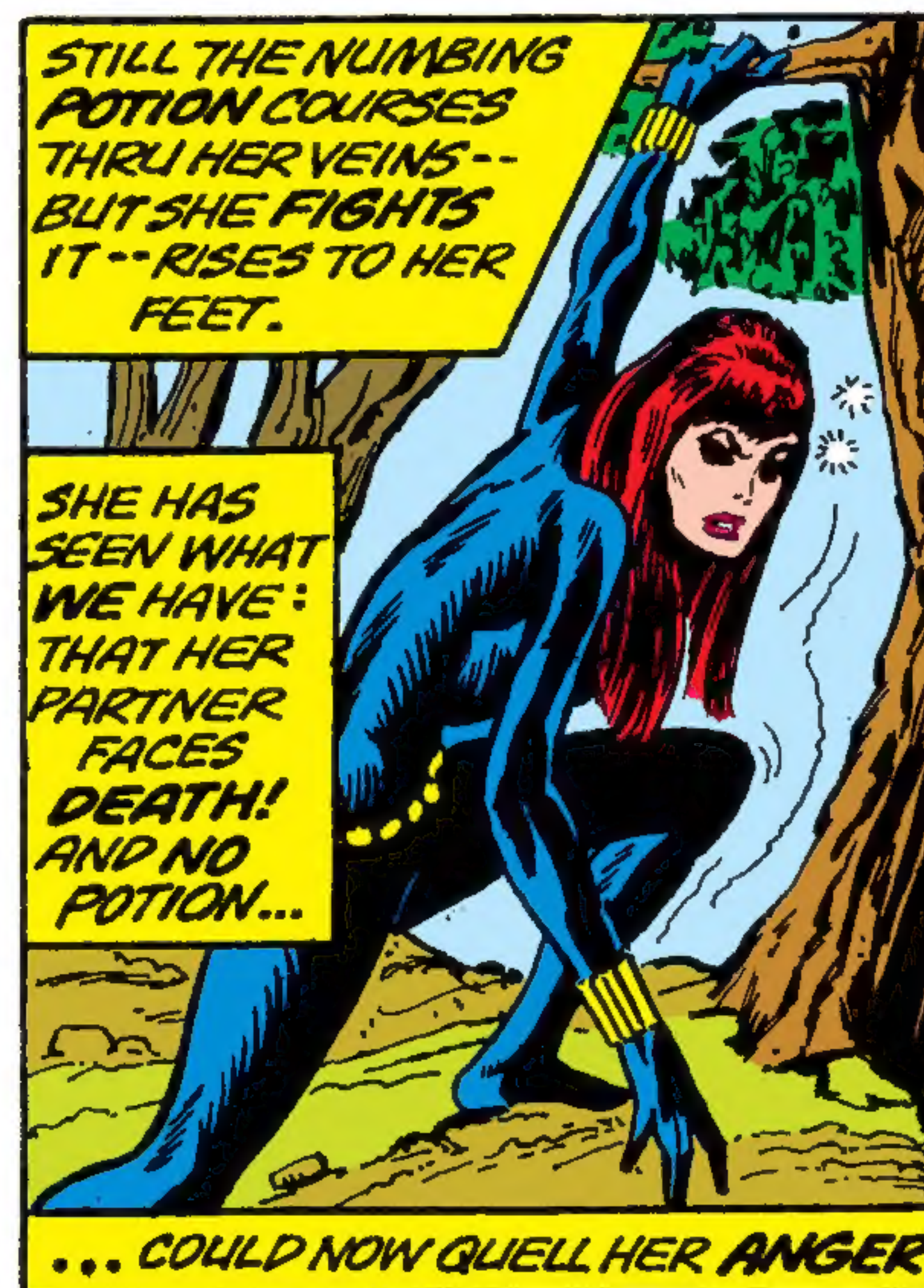
BUT...



WHERE ARE THEY-- DD AND KRAVEN?

EYES STILL HAZY... CAN'T QUITE MAKE OUT WHO --OH!

NO!!



STILL THE NUMBING POTION COURSES THRU HER VEINS-- BUT SHE FIGHTS IT --RISES TO HER FEET.

SHE HAS SEEN WHAT WE HAVE: THAT HER PARTNER FACES DEATH! AND NO POTION...

... COULD NOW QUELL HER ANGER!



WHY HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO HELP HIM? ARE YOU ALL COWARDS--?

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE, LADY--! THIS WASN'T OUR FIGHT!

HUSH, CHARLES!

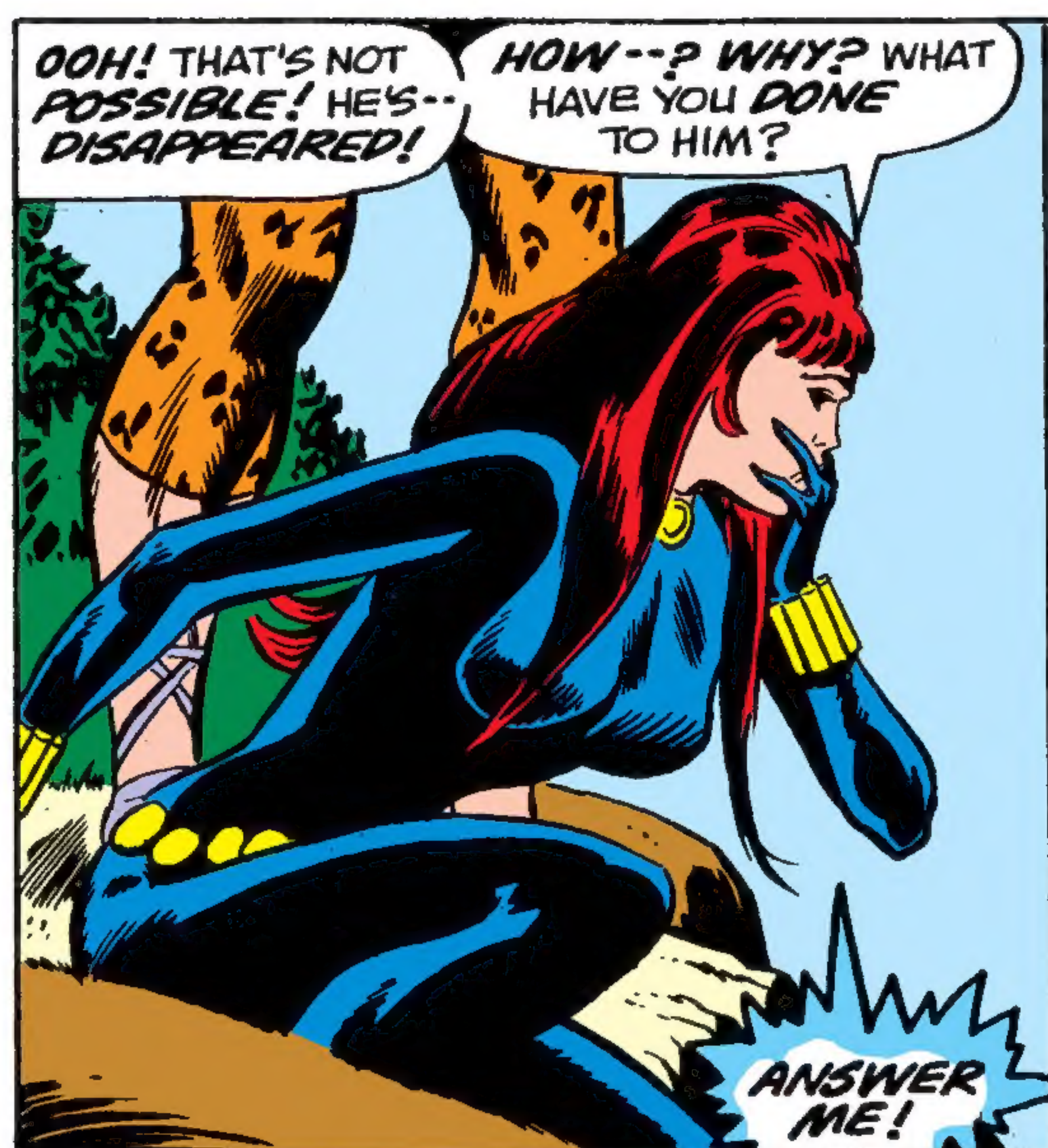
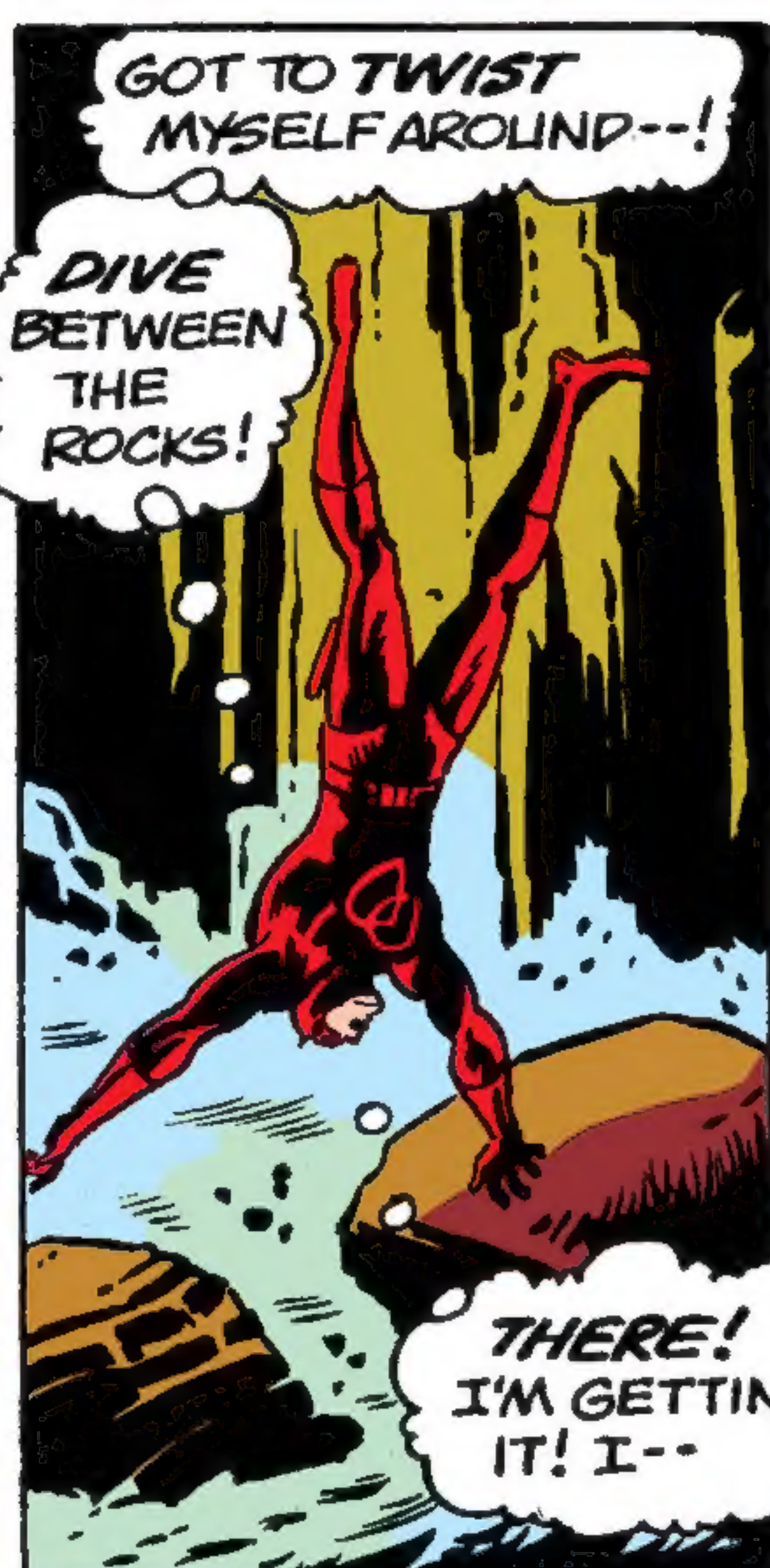
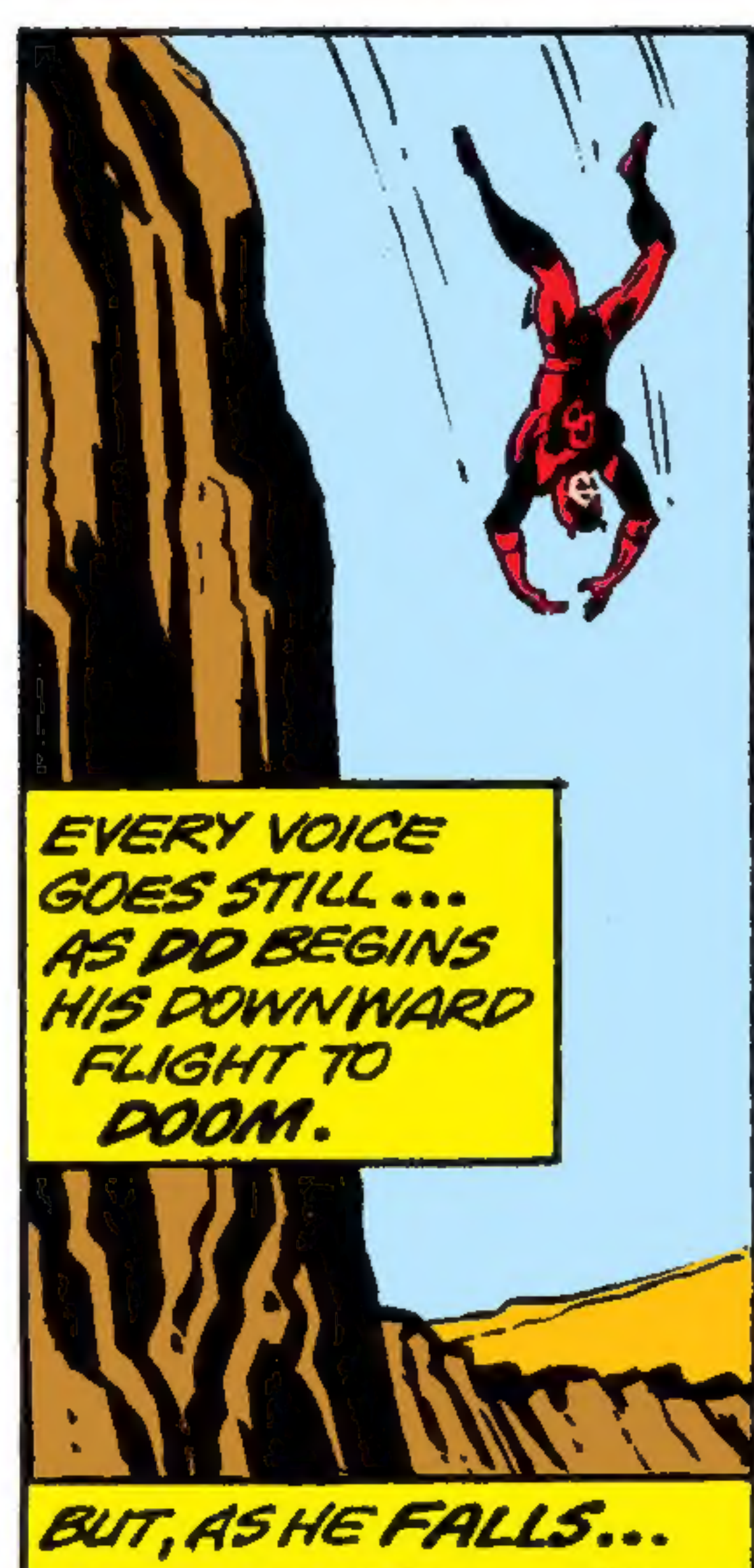
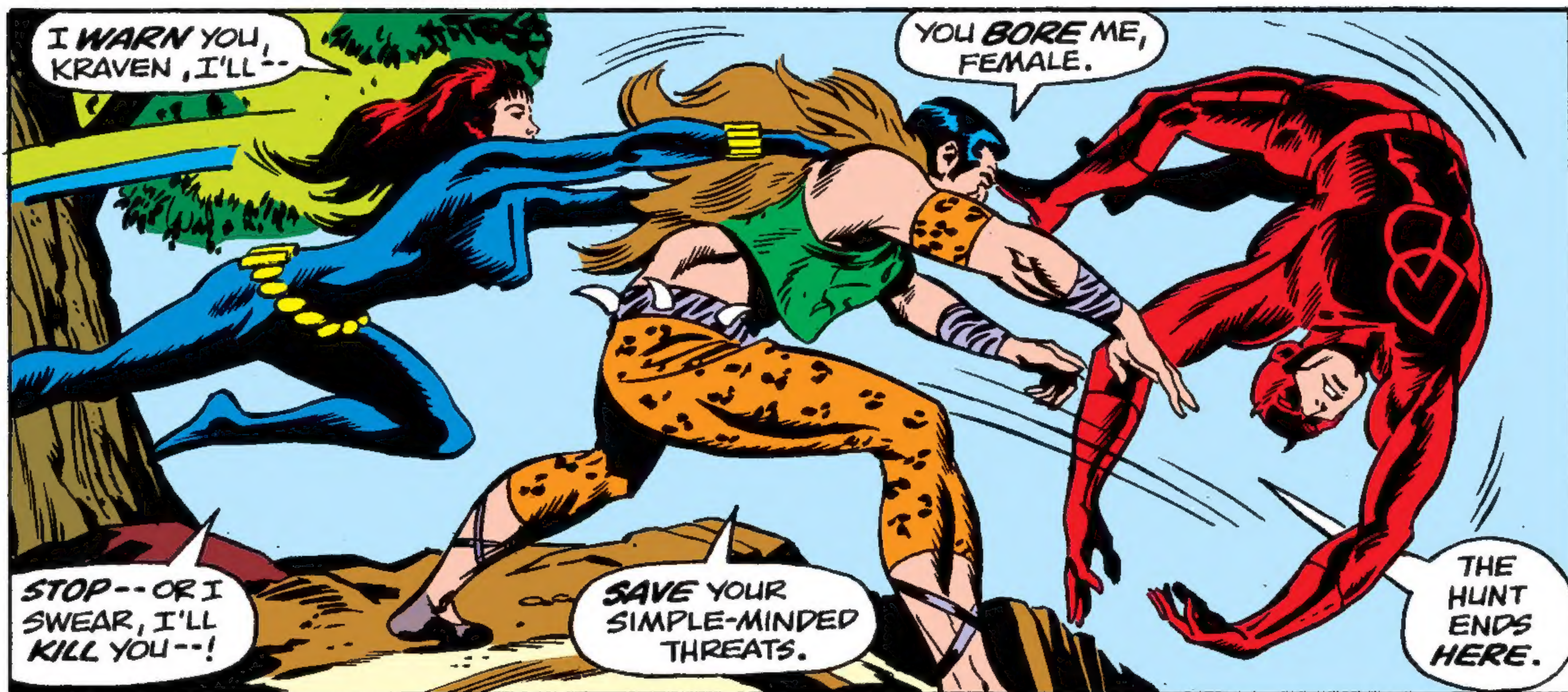
SHE'S RIGHT-- AND YOU KNOW IT.

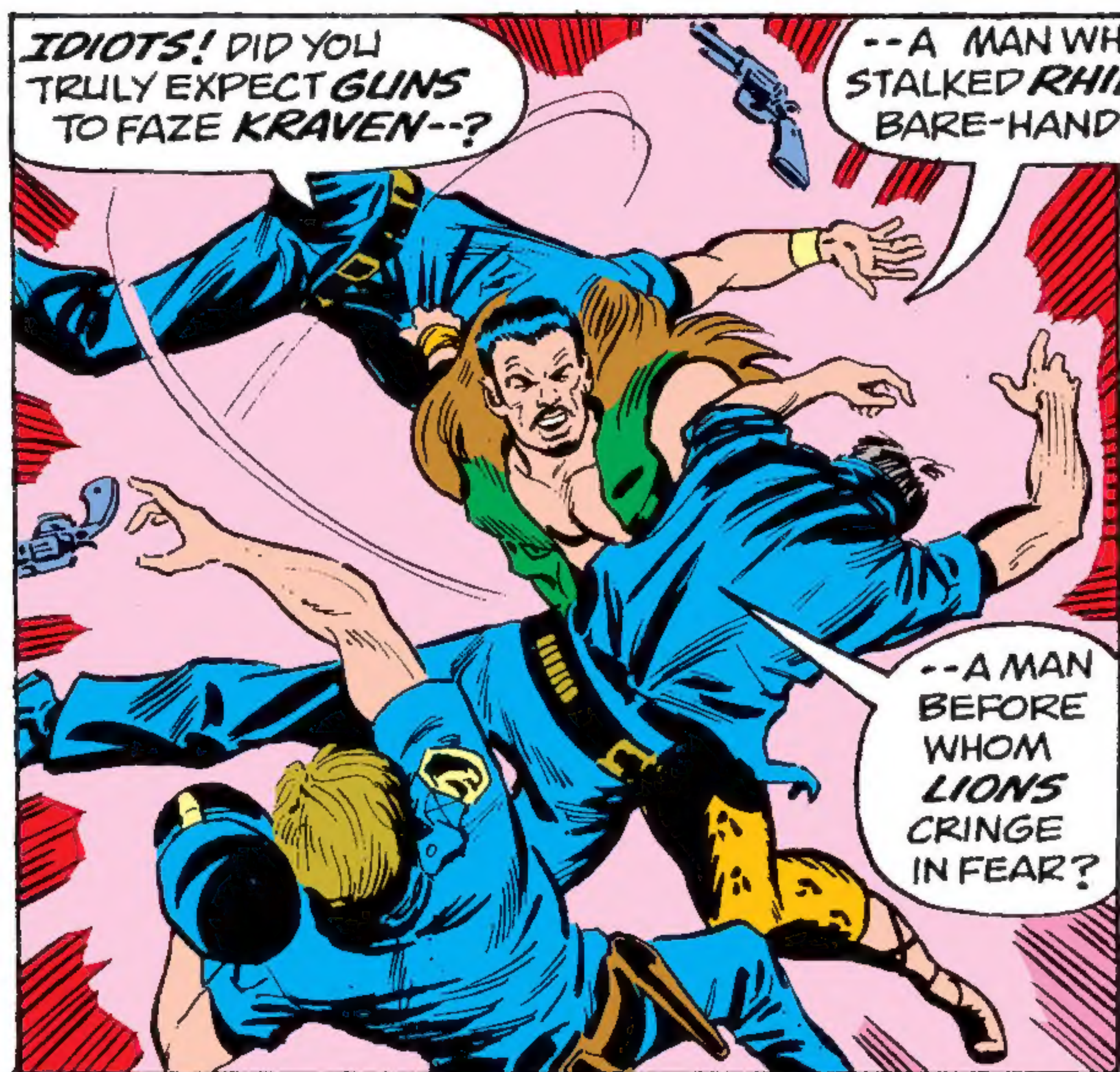


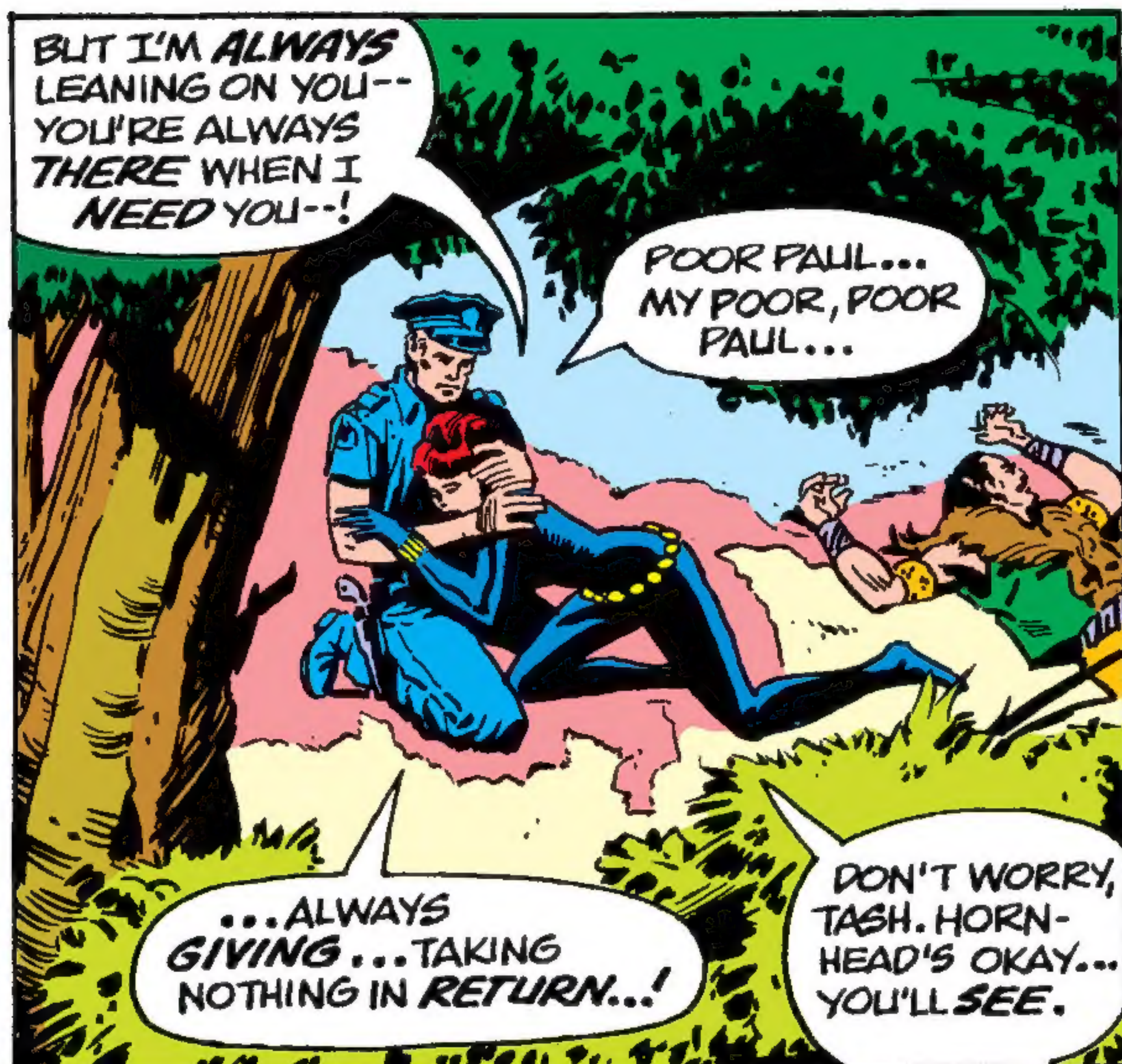
SO, BLACK WIDOW-- YOU'VE RECOVERED FROM MY LITTLE STING, I SEE.

GOOD! COME CLOSER, WOMAN!

COME SEE YOUR MAN PERISH ON THE ROCKS, BELOW!







BUT I'M ALWAYS
LEANING ON YOU--
YOU'RE ALWAYS
THERE WHEN I
NEED YOU--!

POOR PAUL...
MY POOR, POOR
PAUL...

...ALWAYS
GIVING...TAKING
NOTHING IN RETURN...!

DON'T WORRY,
TASH. HORN-
HEAD'S OKAY...
YOU'LL SEE.



HEY, LADY--WHAT IS THIS?
YOU'RE WEAK AS A KITTEN!

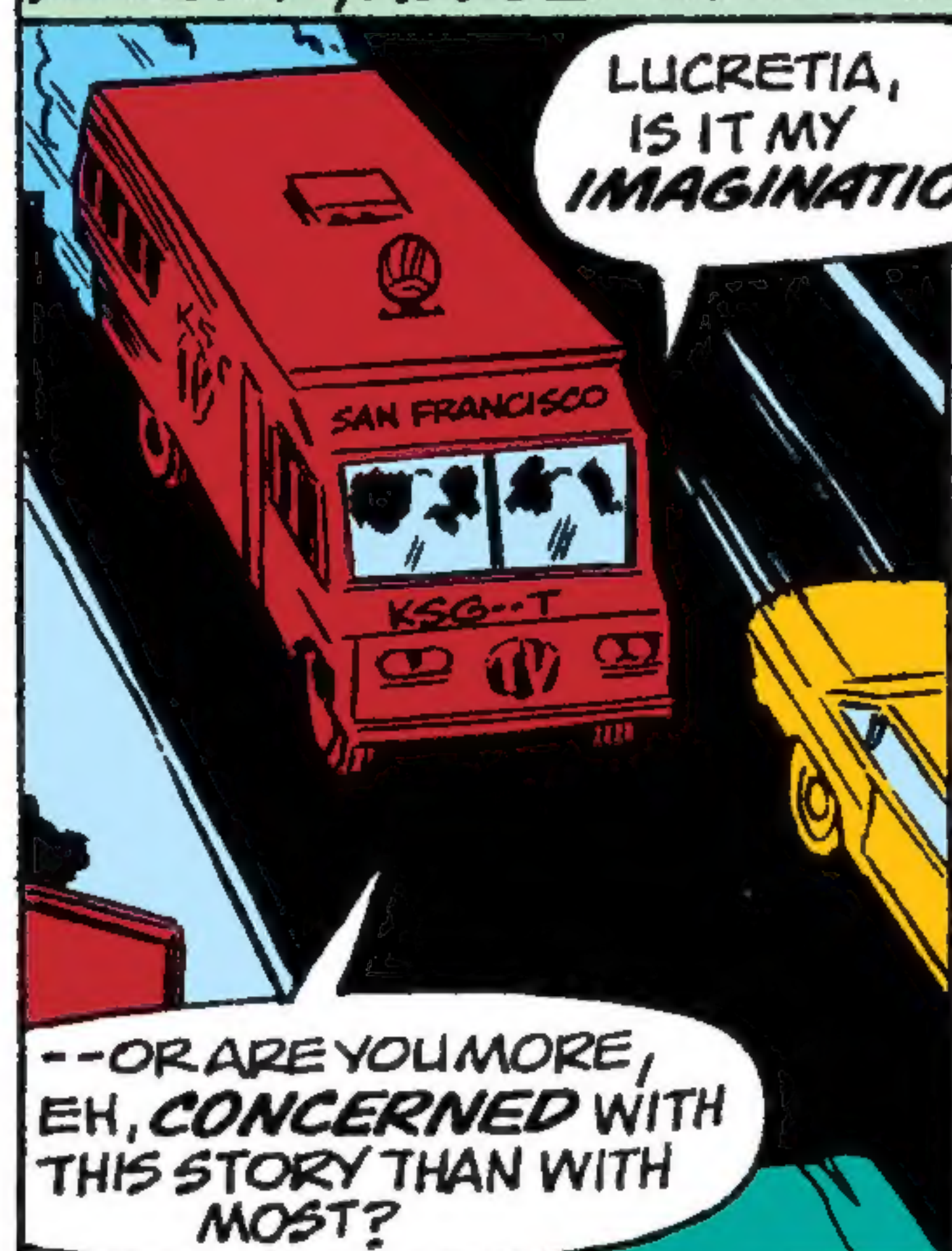
I'M ALL RIGHT,
PAUL...IT'S ONE
OF KRAVEN'S
POTIONS, THAT'S
ALL...

...THAT,
AND DD.
I'M SO
AFRAID...!

LEAN ON PAUL
CARSON, TASHA.
THAT'S WHAT COPS--
AND FRIENDS--
ARE FOR.

...BETWEEN NEWSWOMAN
LUCRETIA JONES, AND HER
DIRECTOR, ASHLEY SANDERS...

PONDER PAUL CARSON'S NON-
SEQUITUR... AS WE WATCH
ANOTHER SCENE UNFOLD...



LUCRETIA,
IS IT MY
IMAGINATION--

--OR ARE YOU MORE,
EH, CONCERNED WITH
THIS STORY THAN WITH
MOST?



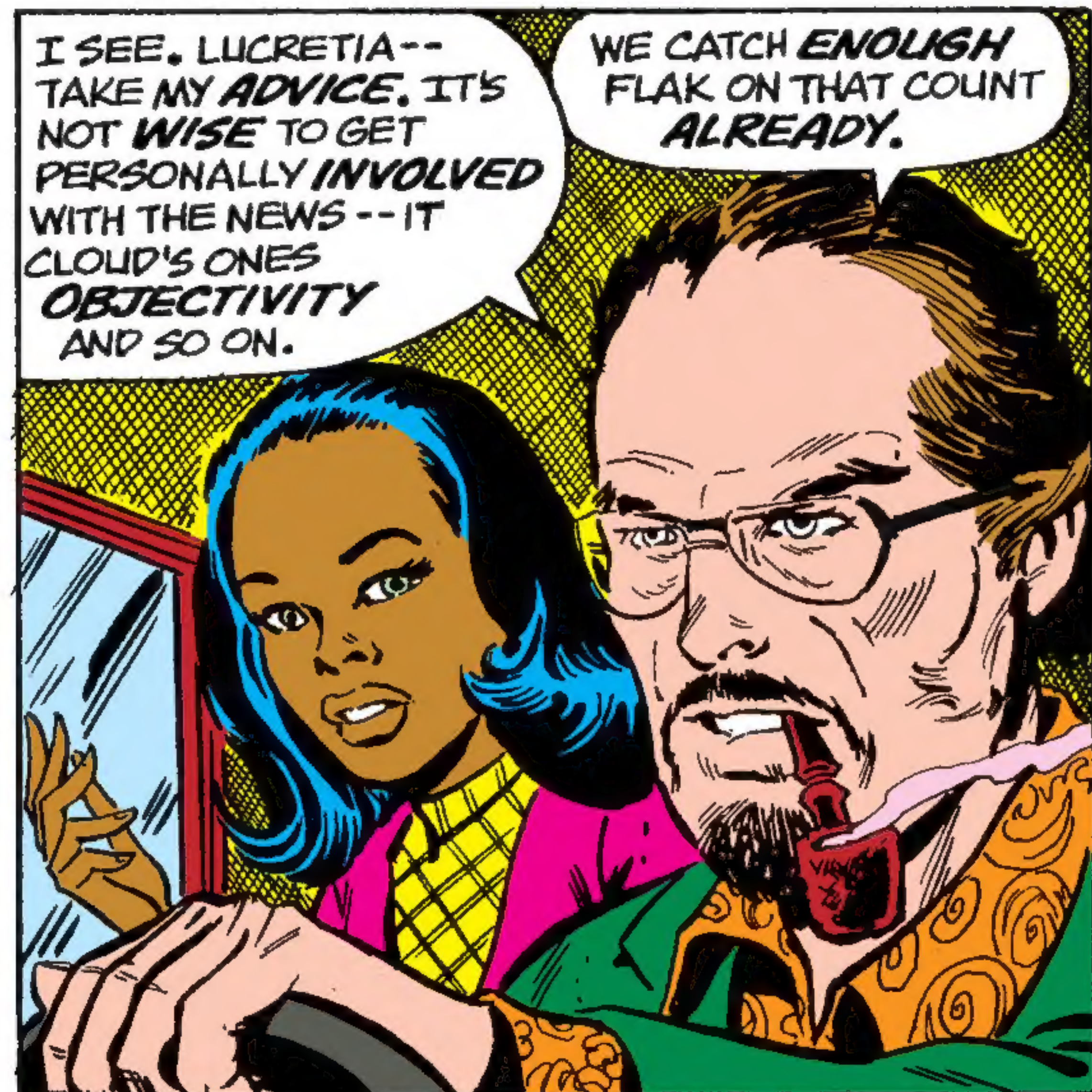
...THIS TIME IN THE KSG-TV
MOBILE "VIDEO-
WAGON"...



HMM...? OH,
COME ON, SANDY!
IT'S JUST THAT
I'VE MET
DAREDEVIL A
FEW TIMES.*

I'VE A GREAT
DEAL OF
ADMIRATION
FOR HIM...AND
THE WIDOW,
TOO, OF COURSE.

*DD/BW#95 & 96.--ROY.

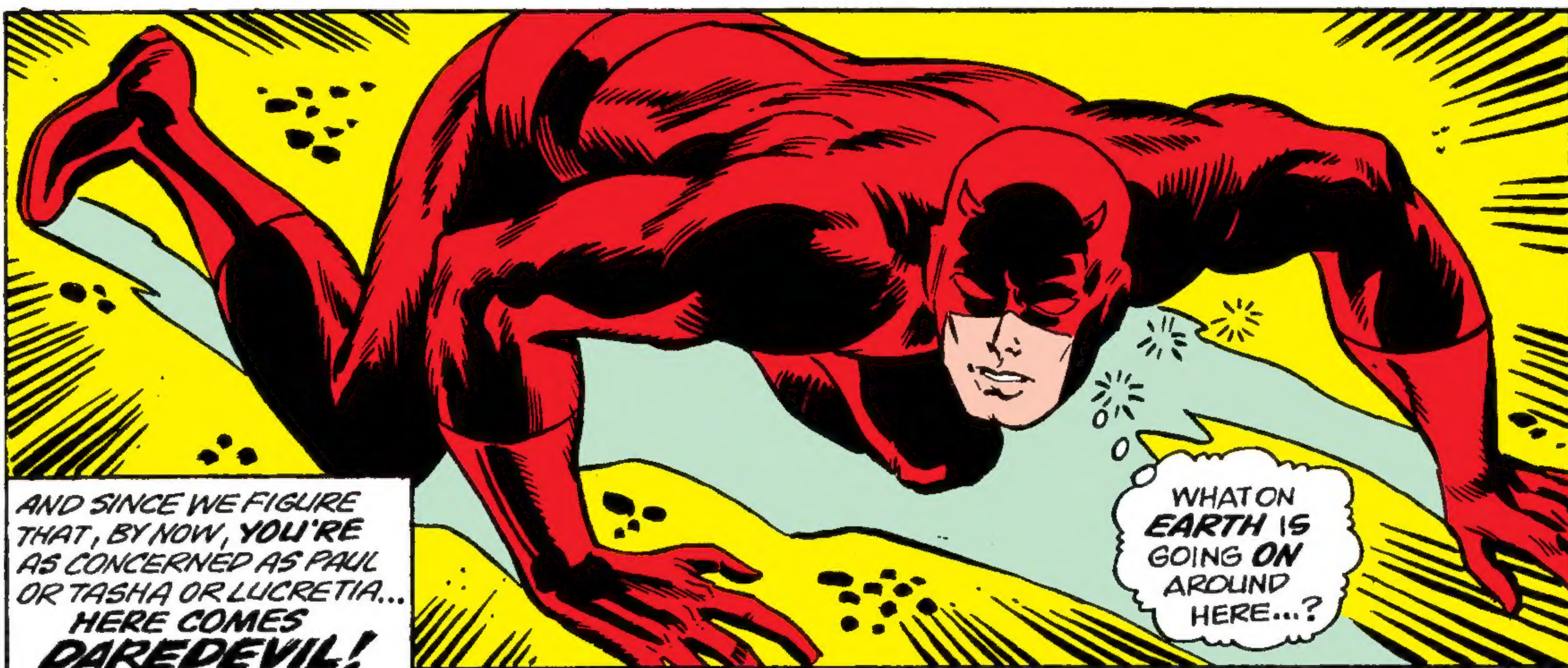


I SEE. LUCRETIA--
TAKE MY ADVICE. IT'S
NOT WISE TO GET
PERSONALLY INVOLVED
WITH THE NEWS--IT
CLOUD'S ONES
OBJECTIVITY
AND SO ON.

WE CATCH ENOUGH
FLAK ON THAT COUNT
ALREADY.

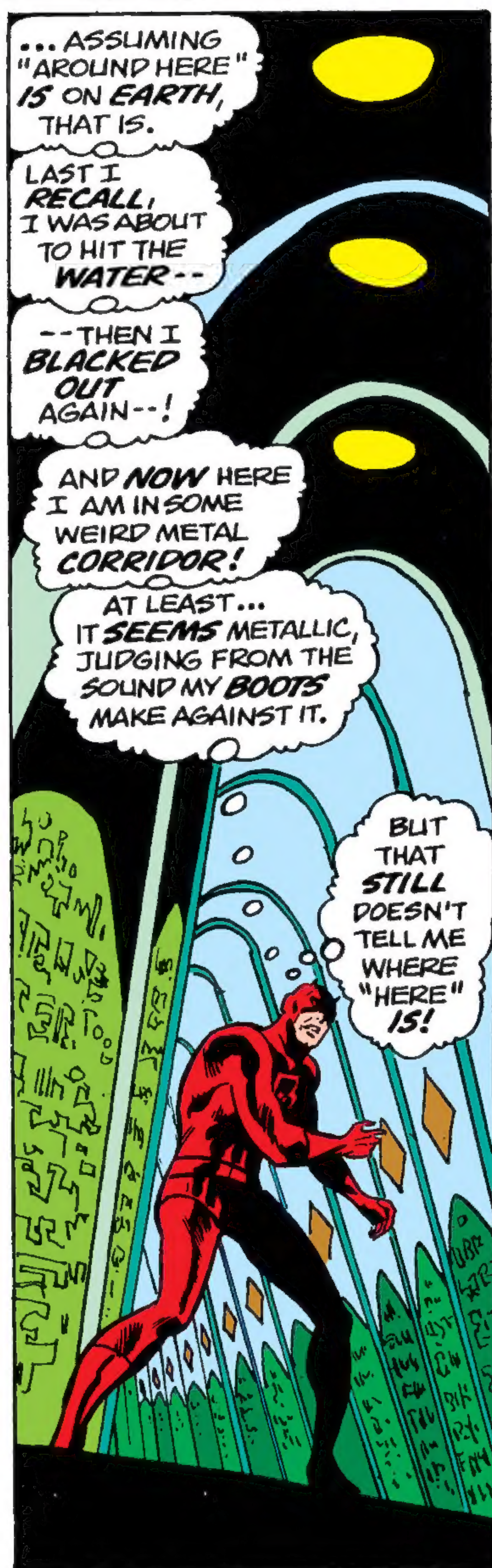


I KNOW, SANDY.
BUT IT'S NOT EASY
TO BE OBJECTIVE
WHEN "THE NEWS" IS
A MAN'S LIFE.



AND SINCE WE FIGURE THAT, BY NOW, YOU'RE AS CONCERNED AS PAUL OR TASHA OR LUCRETIA...
HERE COMES DAREDEVIL!

WHAT ON **EARTH** IS GOING ON AROUND HERE...?



... ASSUMING "AROUND HERE" IS ON EARTH, THAT IS.

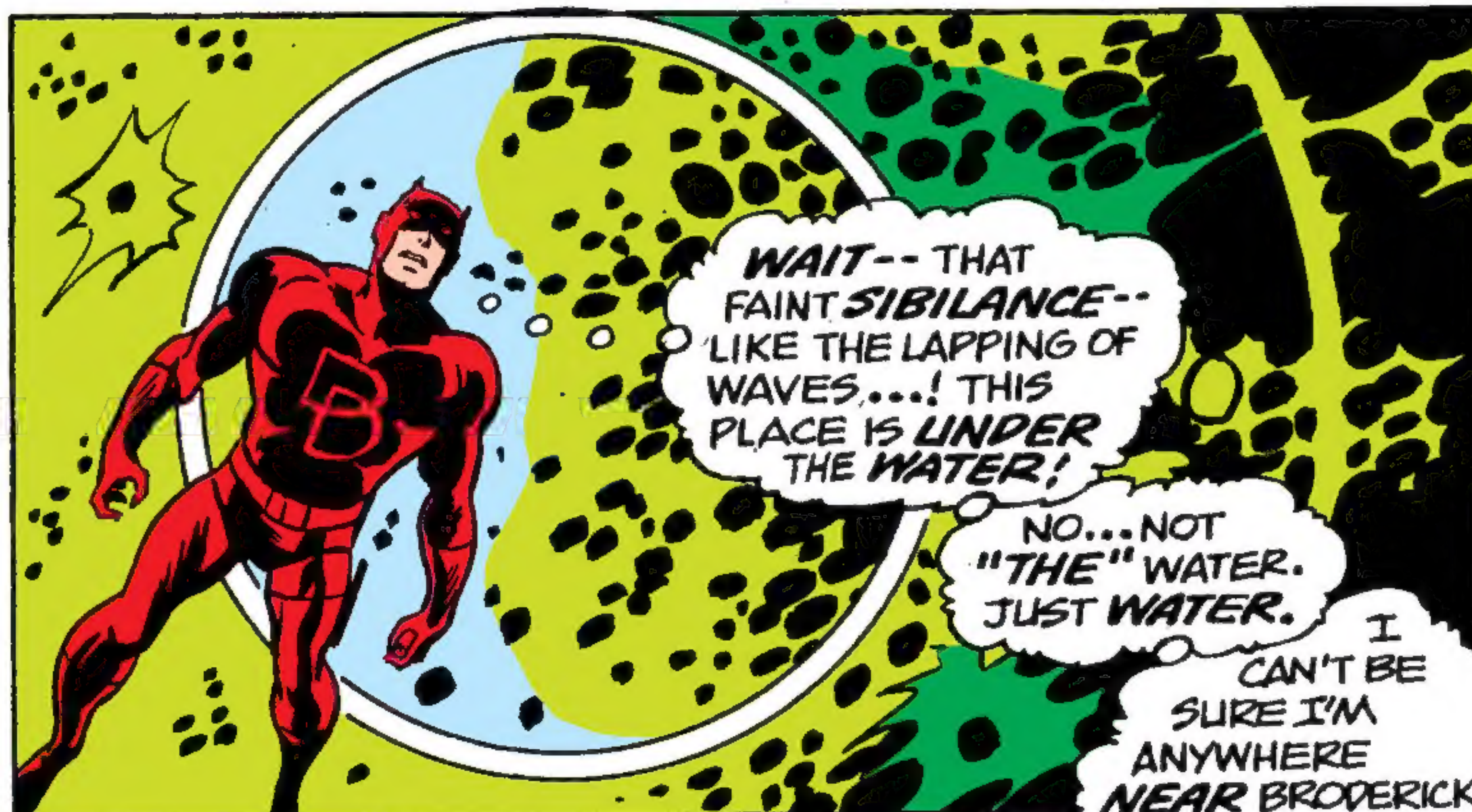
LAST I RECALL, I WAS ABOUT TO HIT THE WATER--

--THEN I **BLACKED OUT** AGAIN--!

AND **NOW** HERE I AM IN SOME WEIRD METAL **CORRIDOR!**

AT LEAST... IT **SEEMS** METALLIC, JUDGING FROM THE SOUND MY **BOOTS** MAKE AGAINST IT.

BUT THAT **STILL** DOESN'T TELL ME WHERE "HERE" IS!



WAIT-- THAT FAINT **SIBILANCE**-- LIKE THE LAPPING OF WAVES...! THIS PLACE IS **UNDER THE WATER!**

NO... NOT "THE" WATER. JUST WATER.

I CAN'T BE SURE I'M ANYWHERE NEAR **BRODERICK'S ESTATE**...



THE WALLS **VIBRATE**--MACHINERY **BEHIND** THEM, PROBABLY. AND **ON THEM**-- **HIEROGLYPHS** OF SOME SORT...!

CAN'T BREAK **OUT** OF HERE... MAYBE IF I **FOLLOW** THESE ETCHED SYMBOLS...!

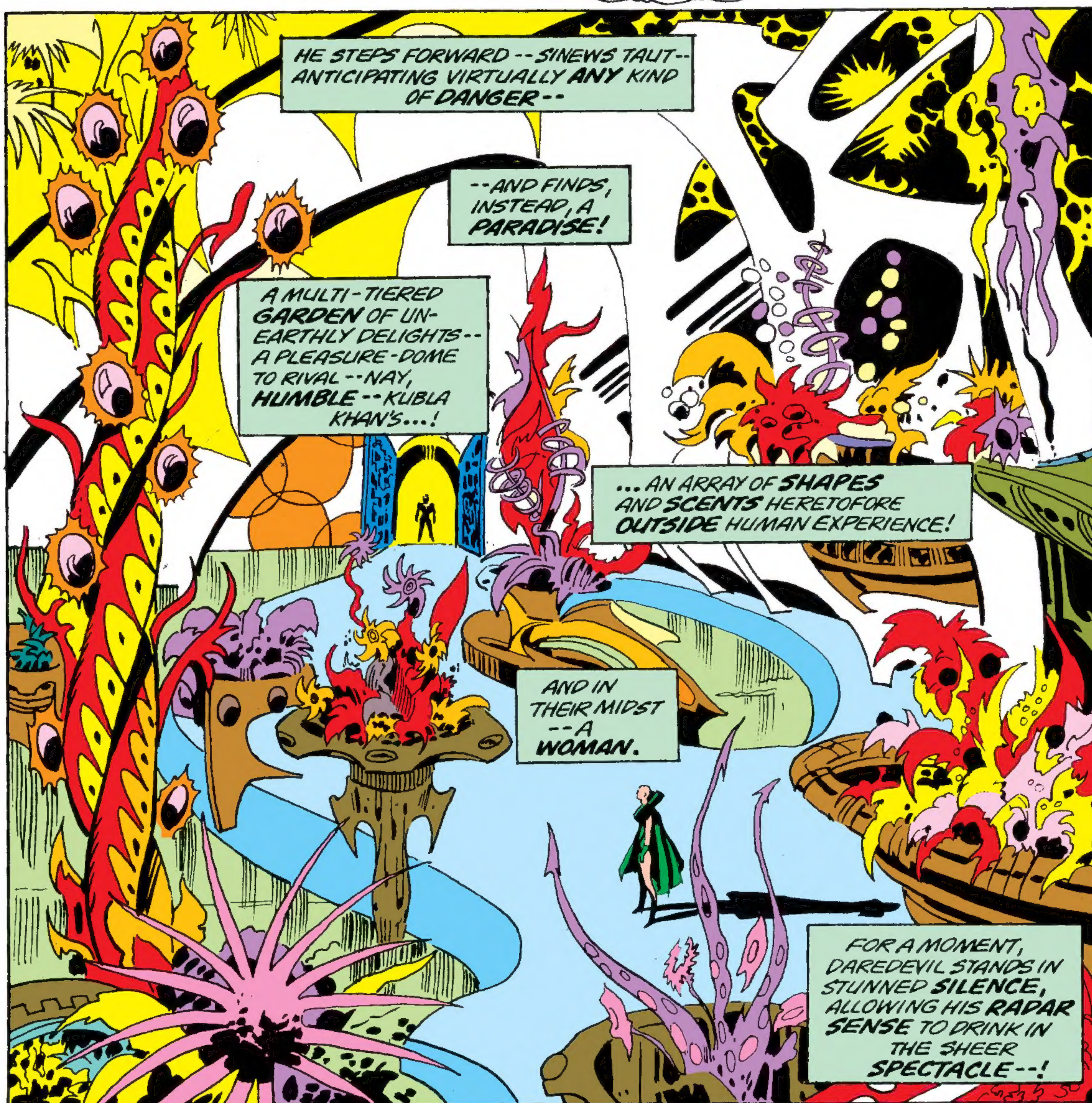
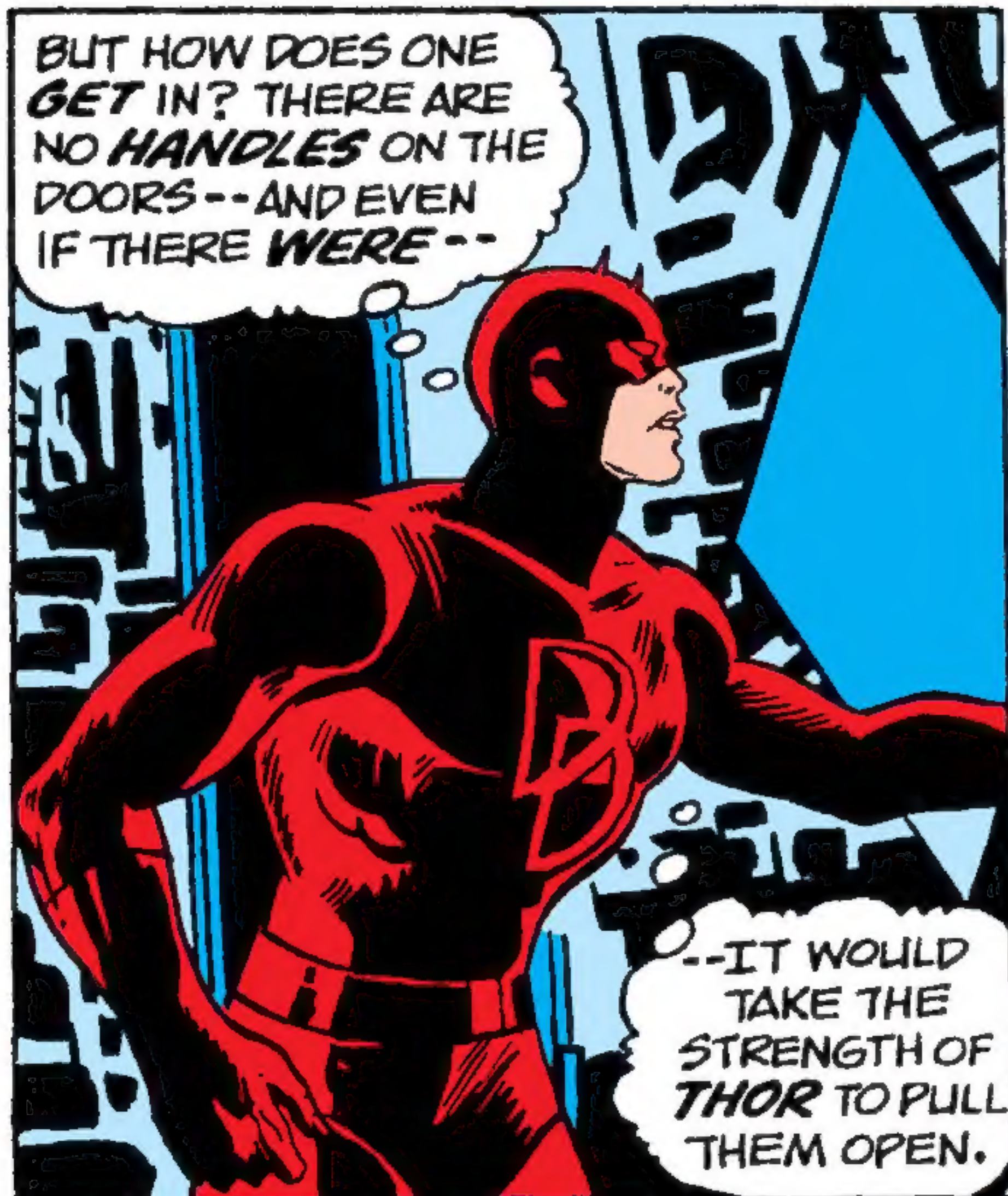


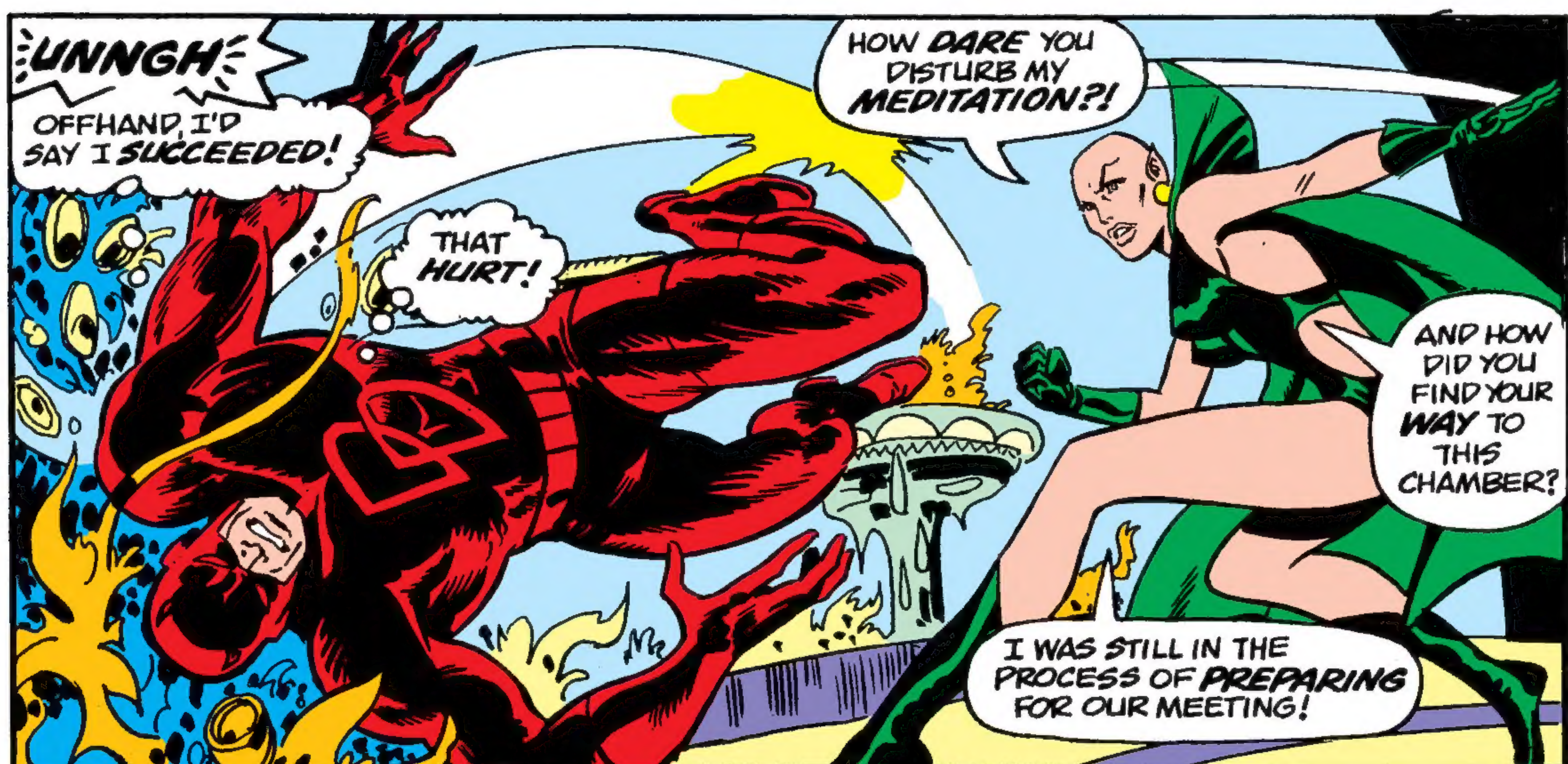
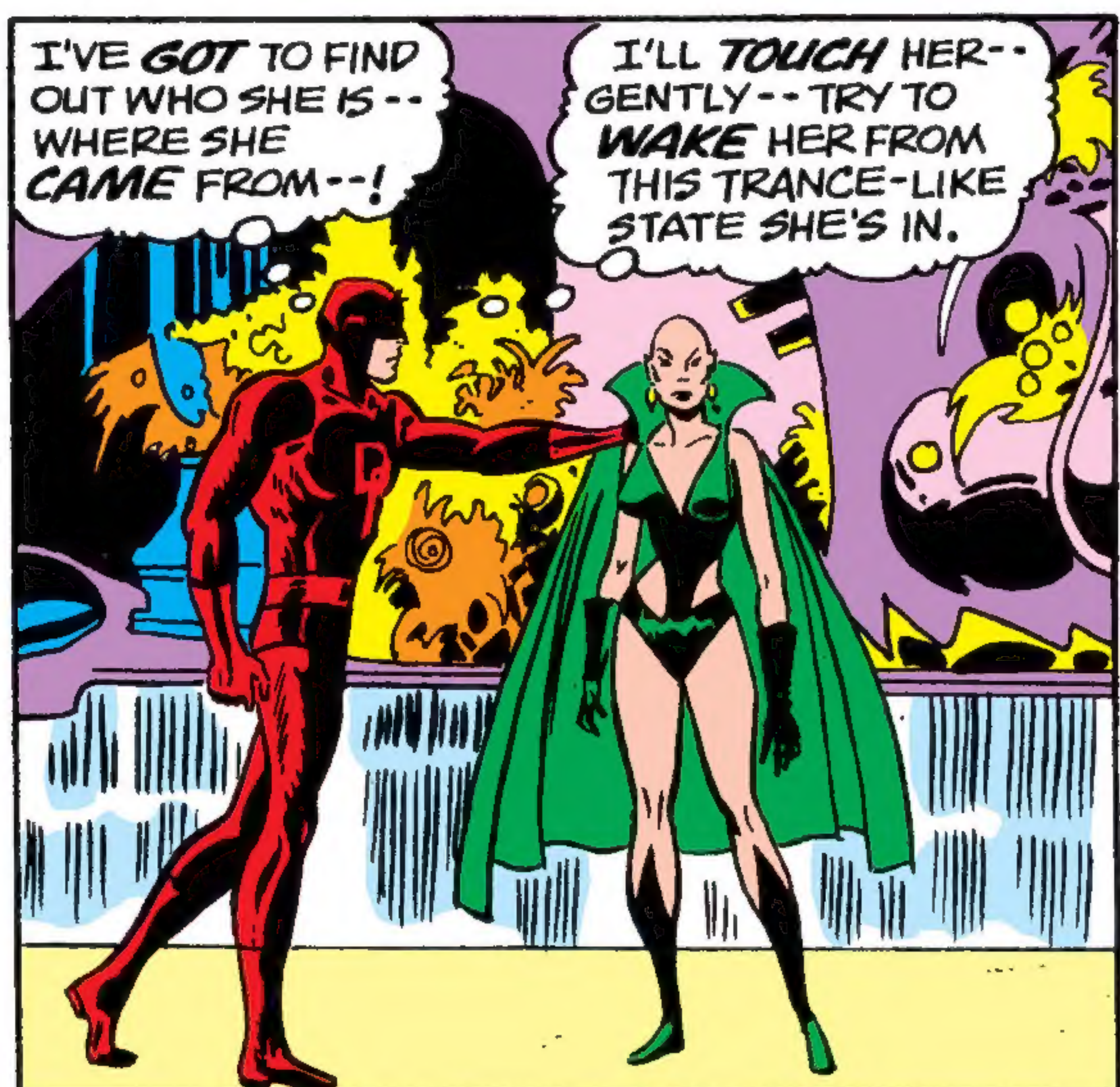
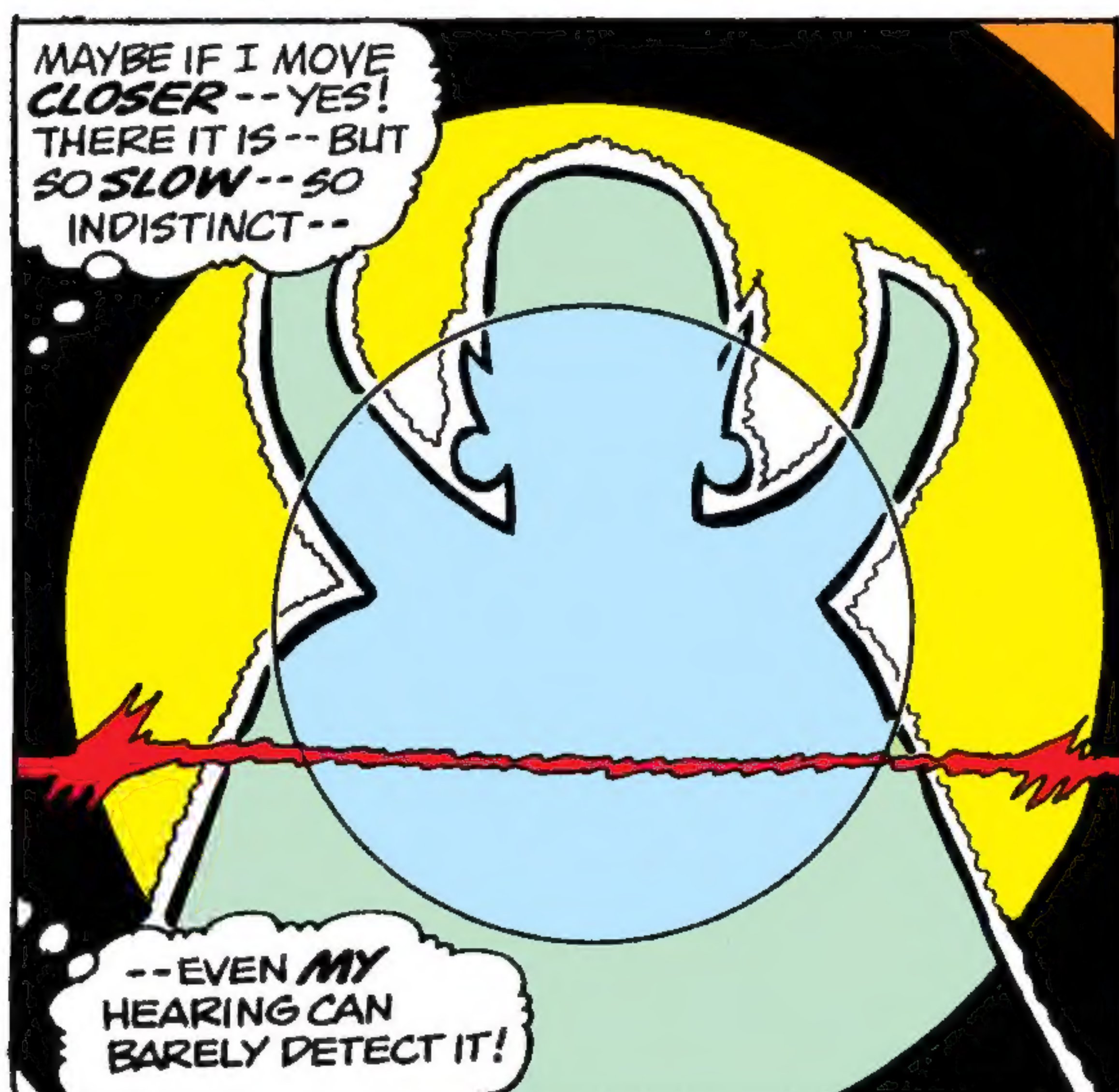
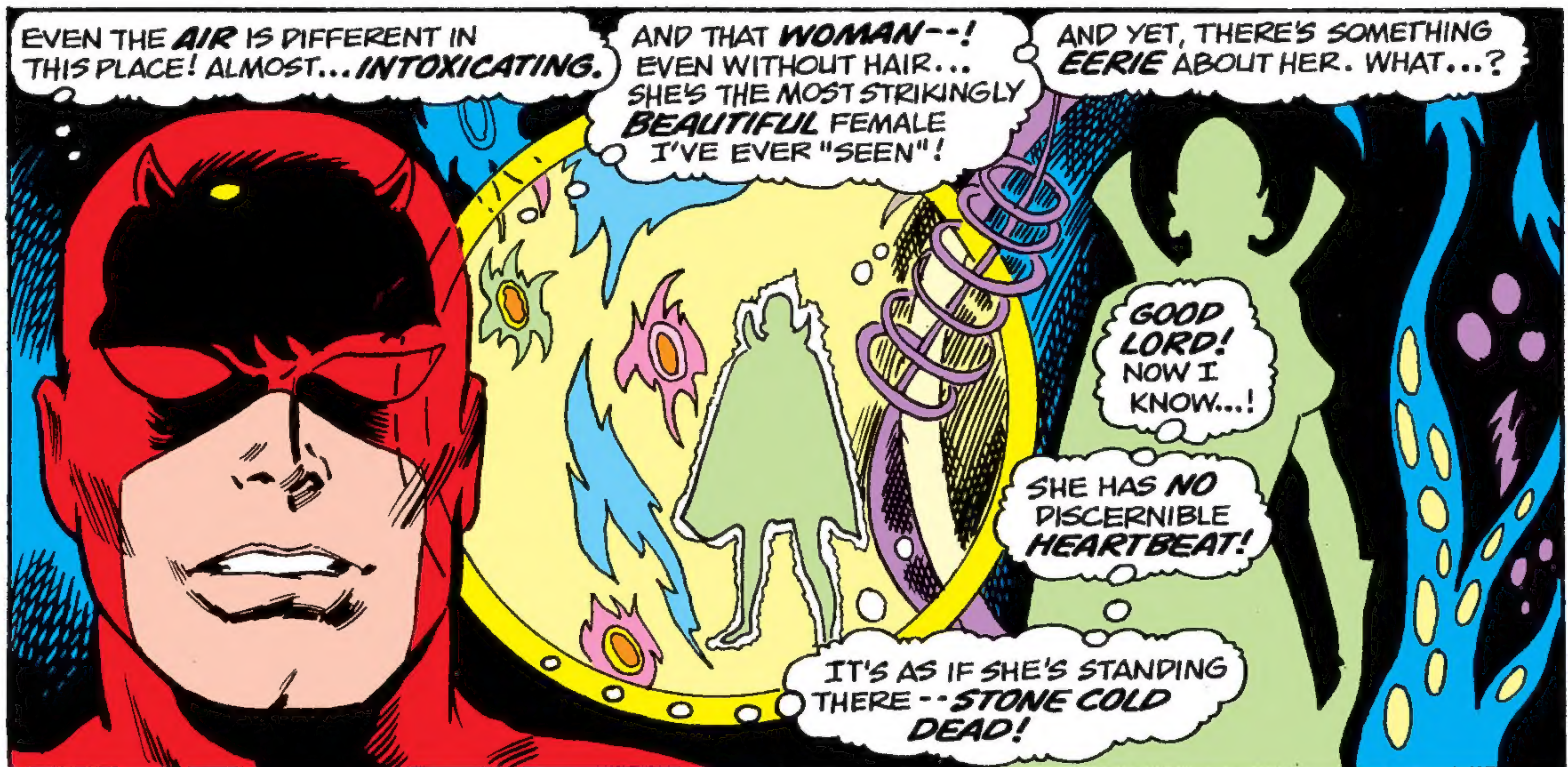
AND SO, ONE **LABYRINTH** LATER...

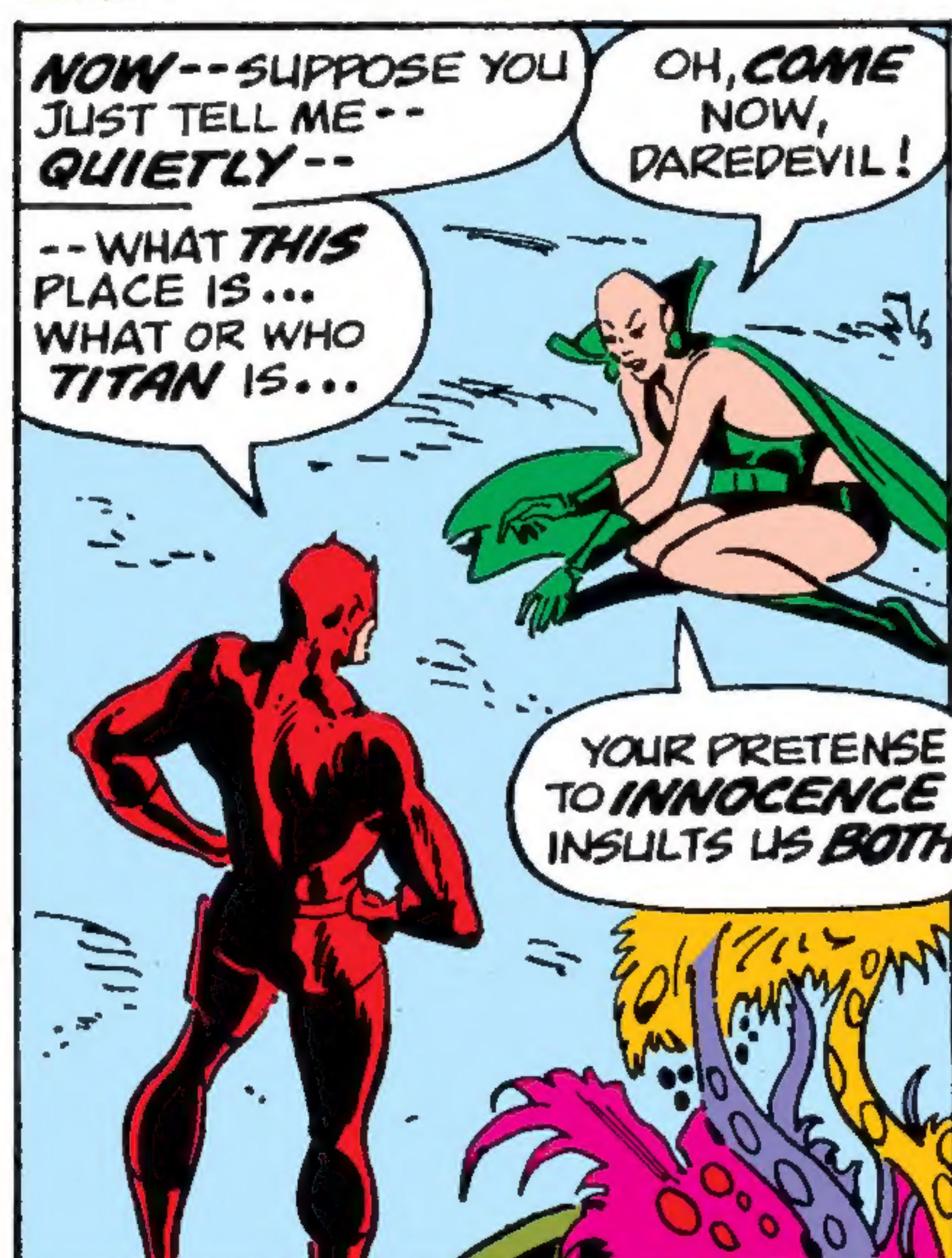
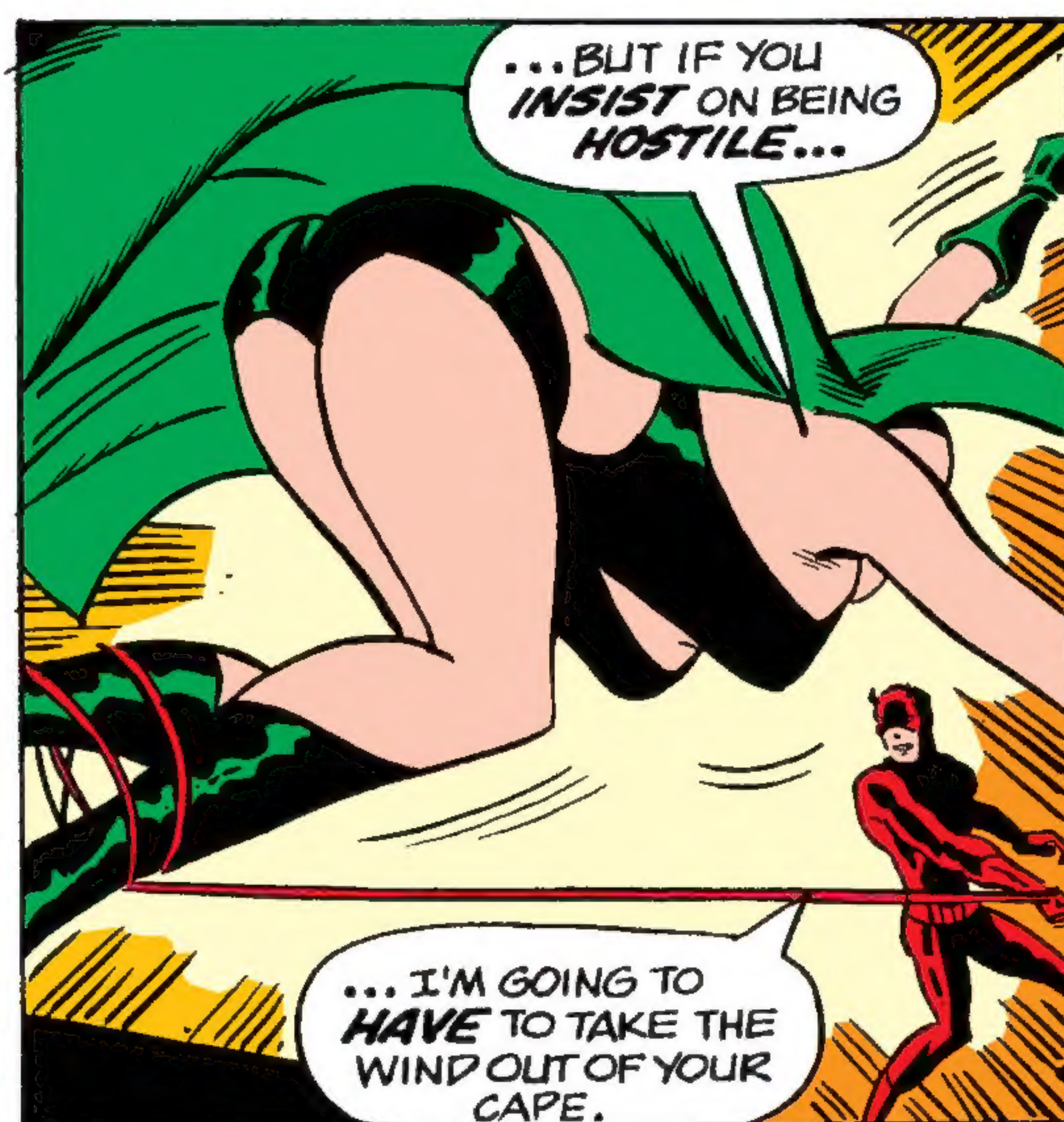
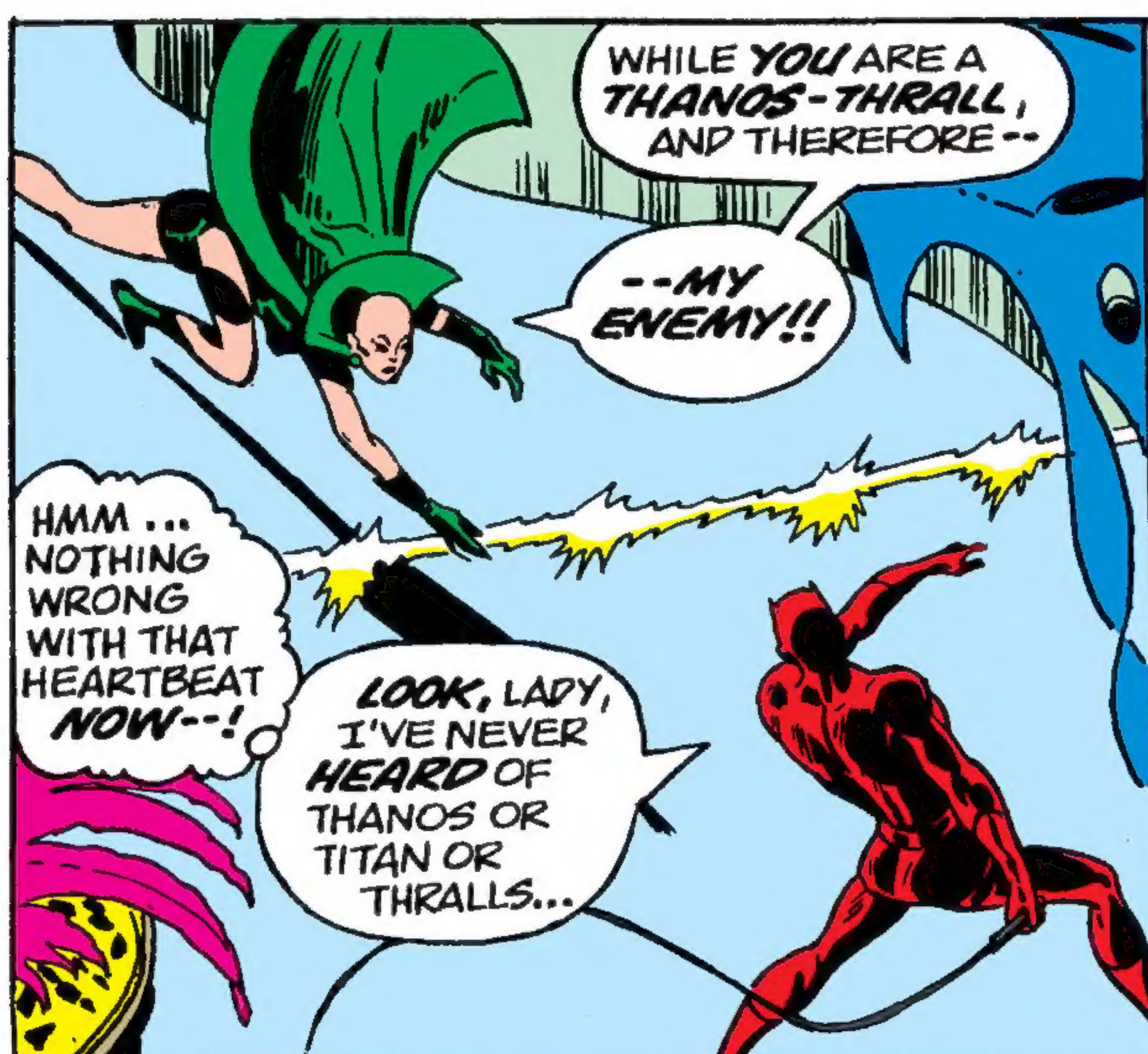
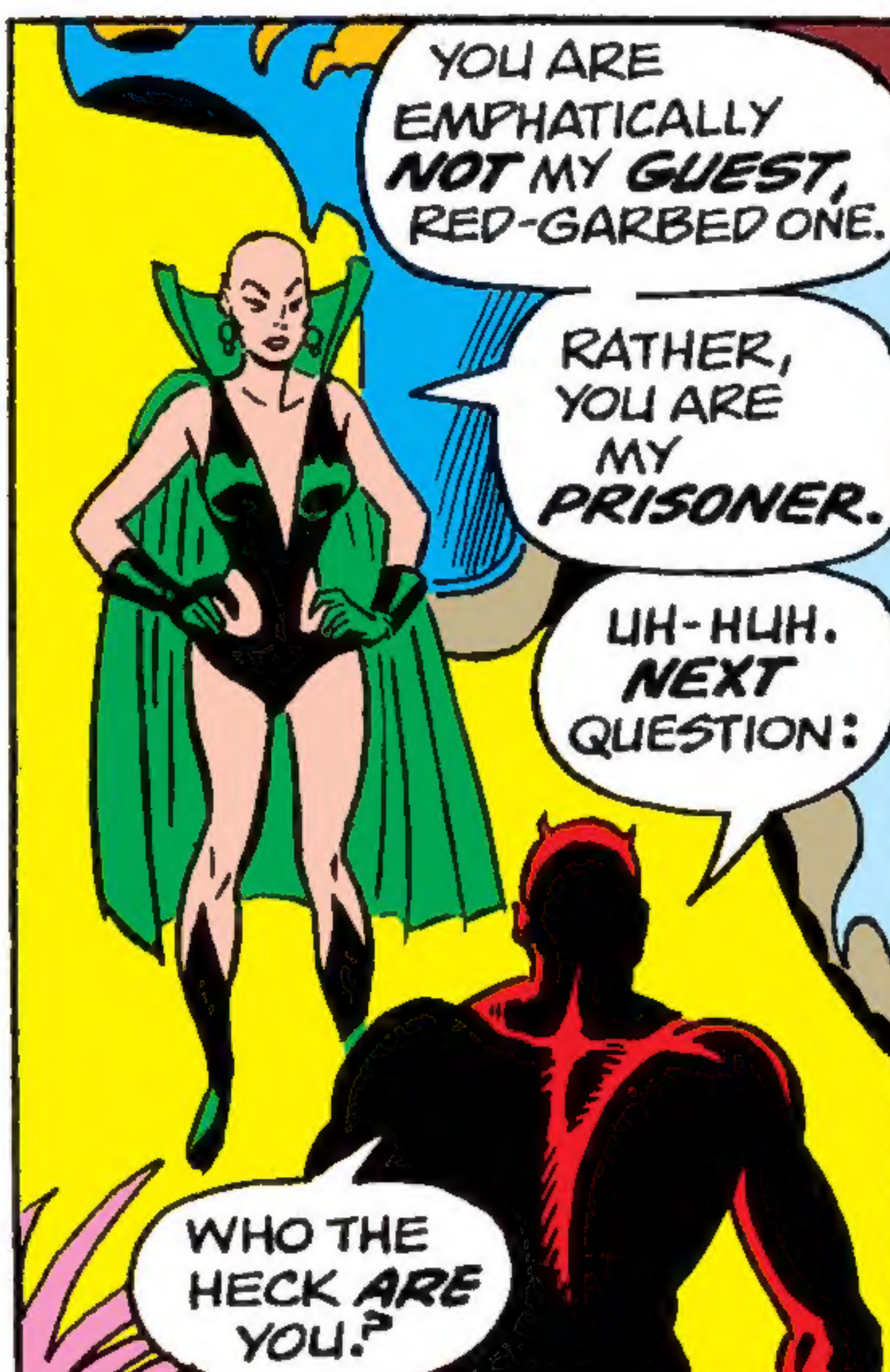
I HALF-EXPECTED TO MEET A **MINOTAUR** SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY...

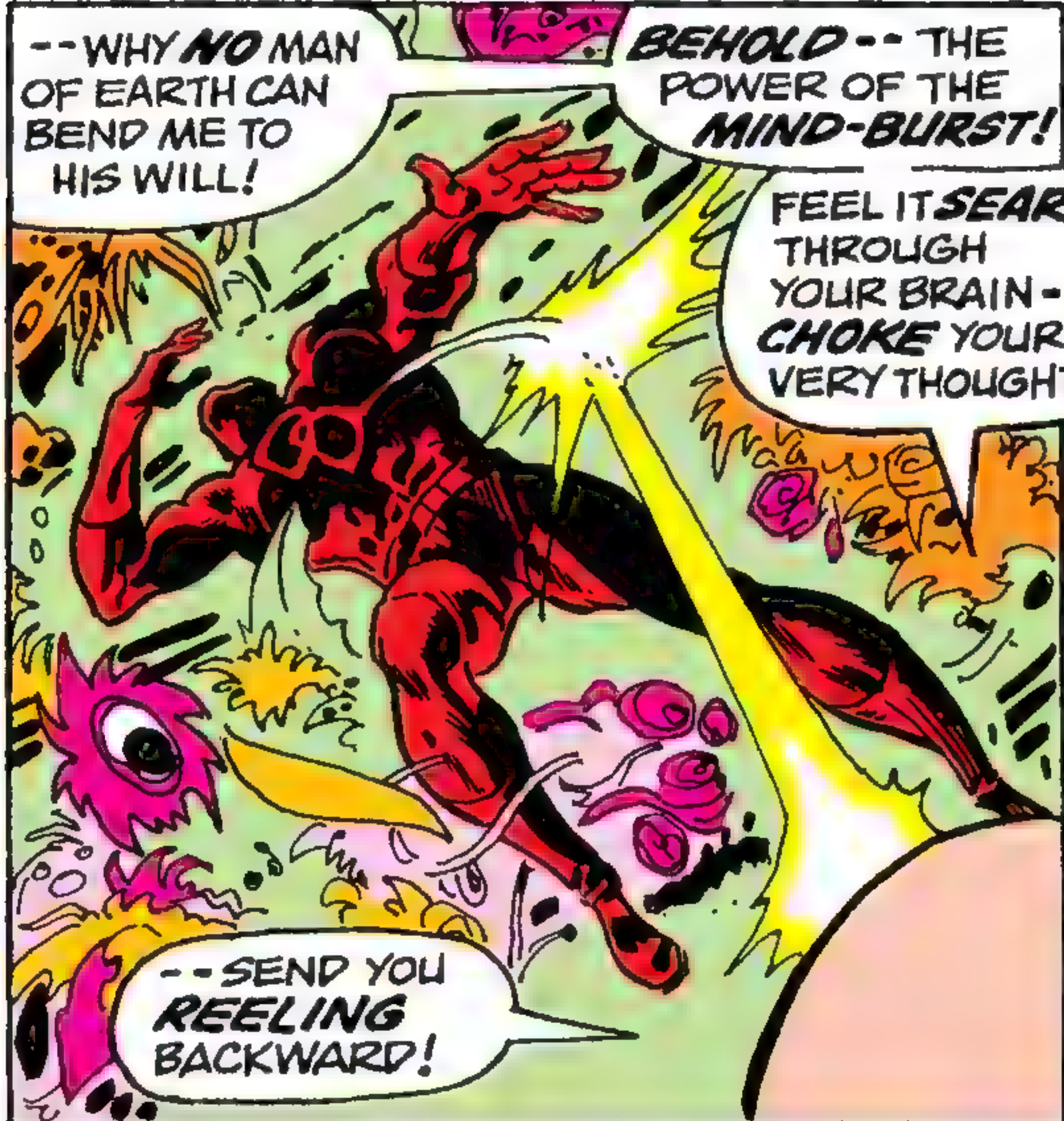
...BUT THIS LOOKS LIKE THE **END OF THE LINE**: A MASSIVE, ORNATE **DOORWAY**.

AND THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO BUT --**IN**.







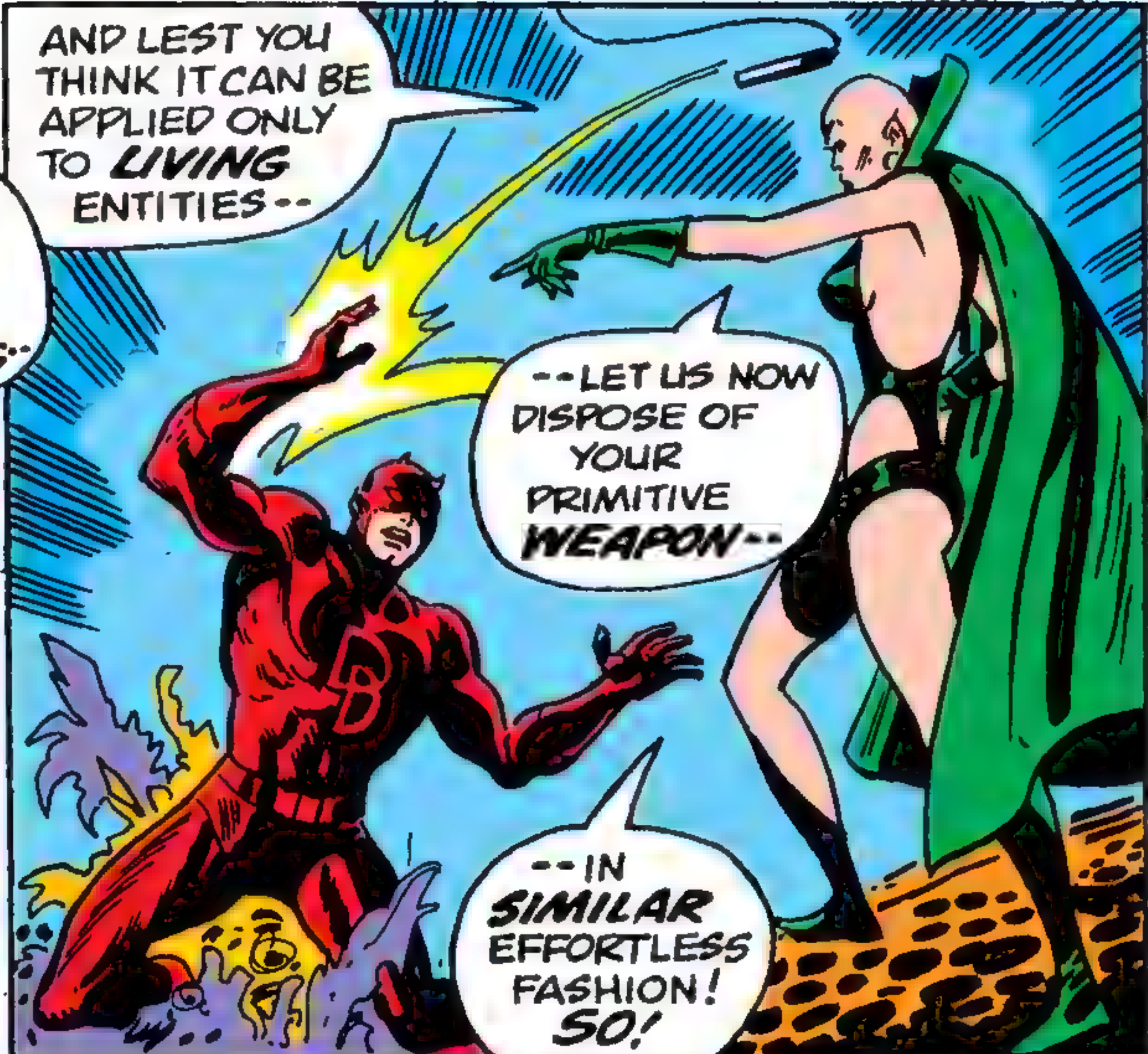


--WHY NO MAN OF EARTH CAN BEND ME TO HIS WILL!

BEHOLD-- THE POWER OF THE MIND-BURST!

FEEL IT SEAR THROUGH YOUR BRAIN-- CHOKE YOUR VERY THOUGHTS--

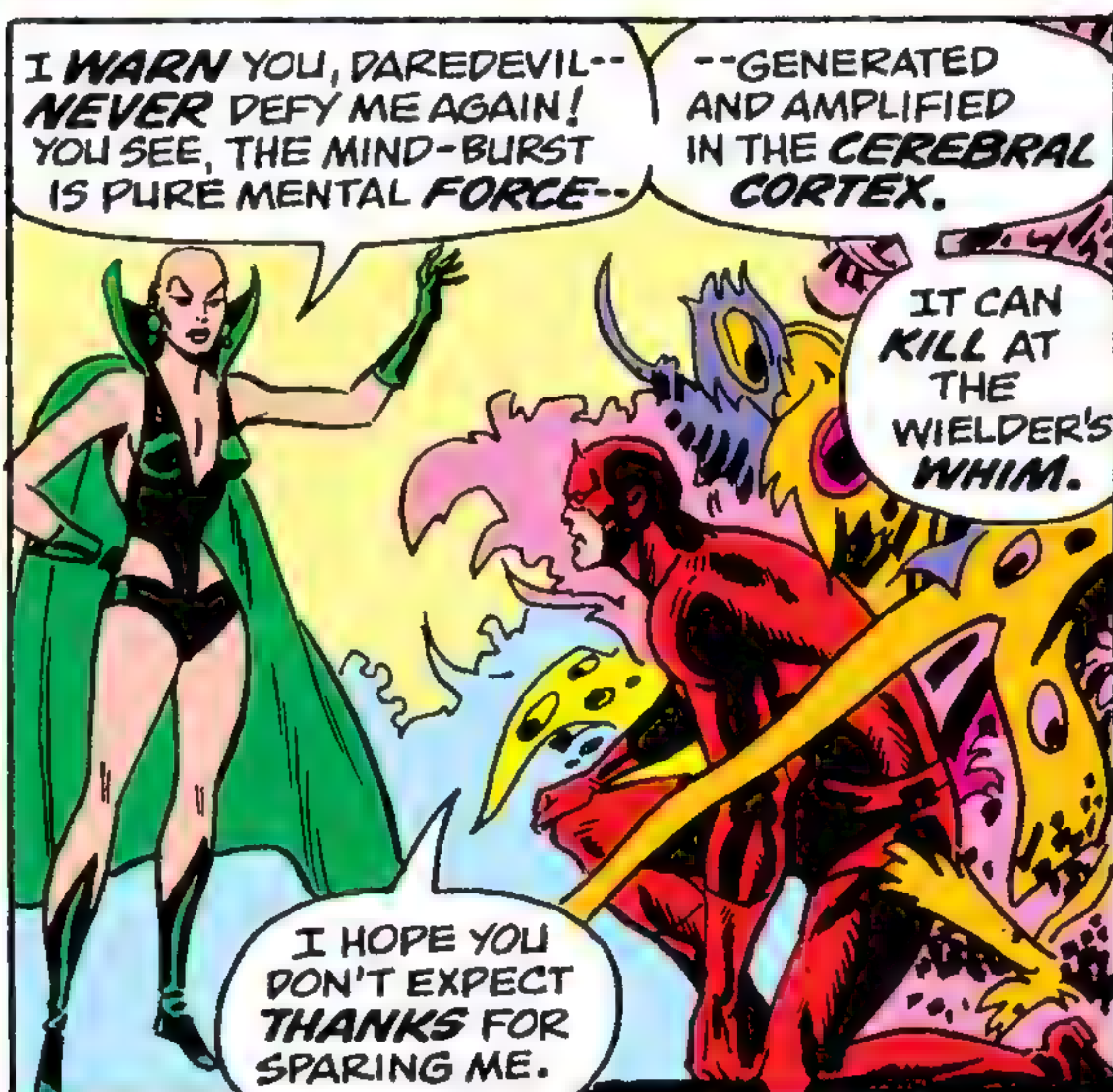
-- SEND YOU REELING BACKWARD!



AND LEST YOU THINK IT CAN BE APPLIED ONLY TO LIVING ENTITIES--

--LET US NOW DISPOSE OF YOUR PRIMITIVE WEAPON--

--IN SIMILAR EFFORTLESS FASHION! SO!

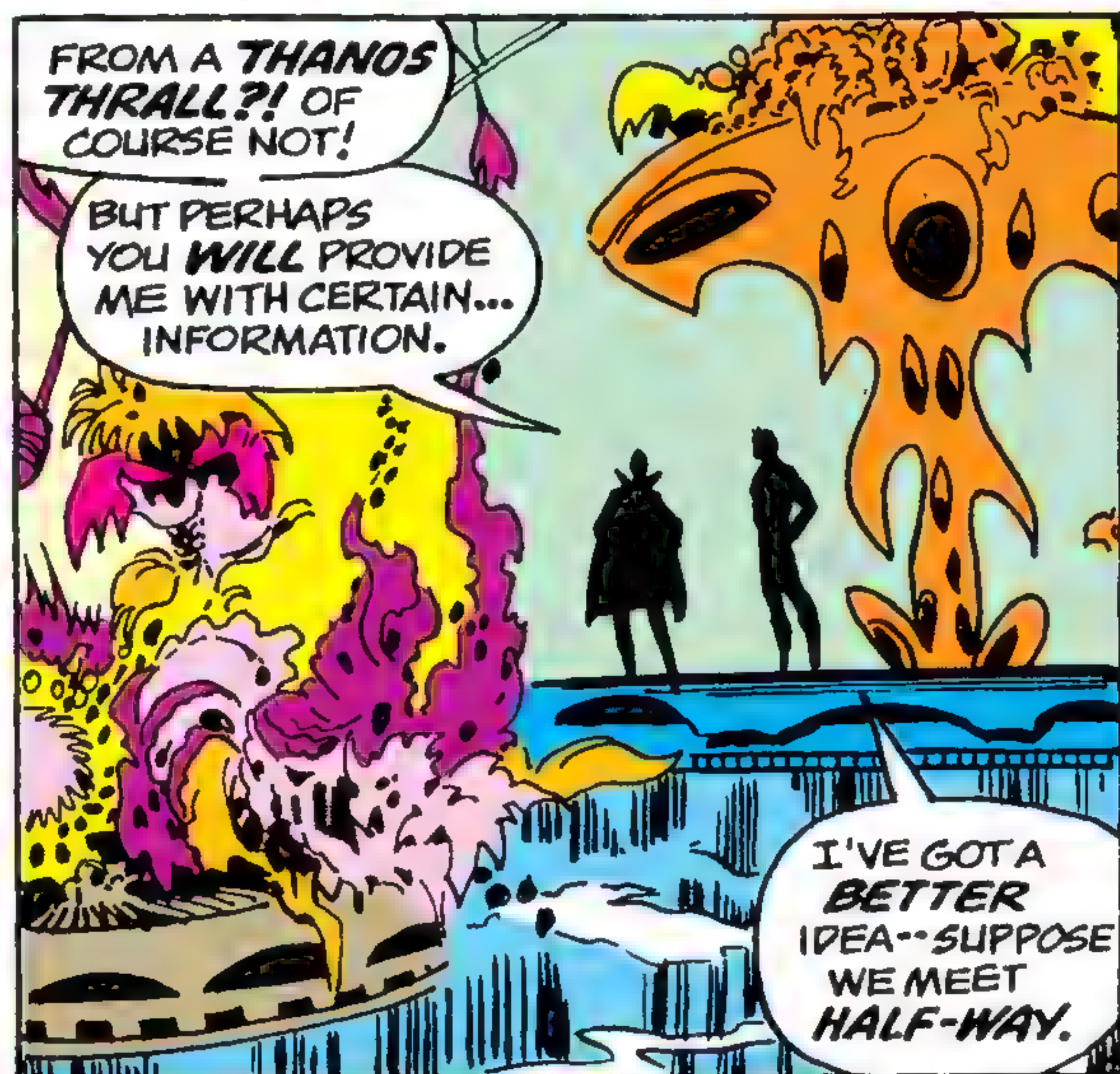


I WARN YOU, DAREDEVIL-- NEVER DEFY ME AGAIN! YOU SEE, THE MIND-BURST IS PURE MENTAL FORCE--

--GENERATED AND AMPLIFIED IN THE CEREBRAL CORTEX.

IT CAN KILL AT THE WIELDER'S WHIM.

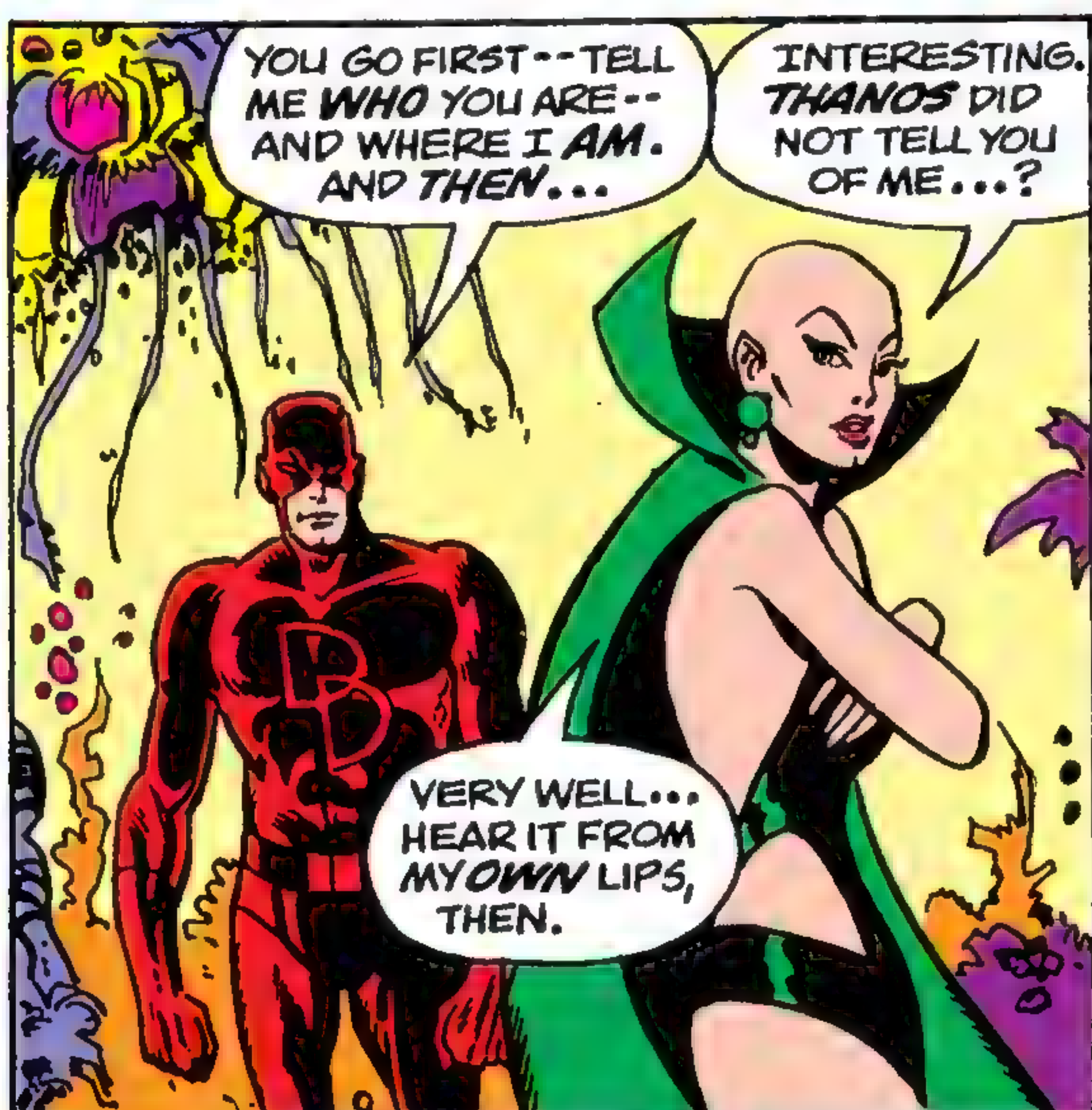
I HOPE YOU DON'T EXPECT THANKS FOR SPARING ME.



FROM A THANOS THRALL?! OF COURSE NOT!

BUT PERHAPS YOU WILL PROVIDE ME WITH CERTAIN... INFORMATION.

I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA--SUPPOSE WE MEET HALF-WAY.



YOU GO FIRST--TELL ME WHO YOU ARE-- AND WHERE I AM. AND THEN...

INTERESTING. THANOS DID NOT TELL YOU OF ME...?

VERY WELL... HEAR IT FROM MY OWN LIPS, THEN.

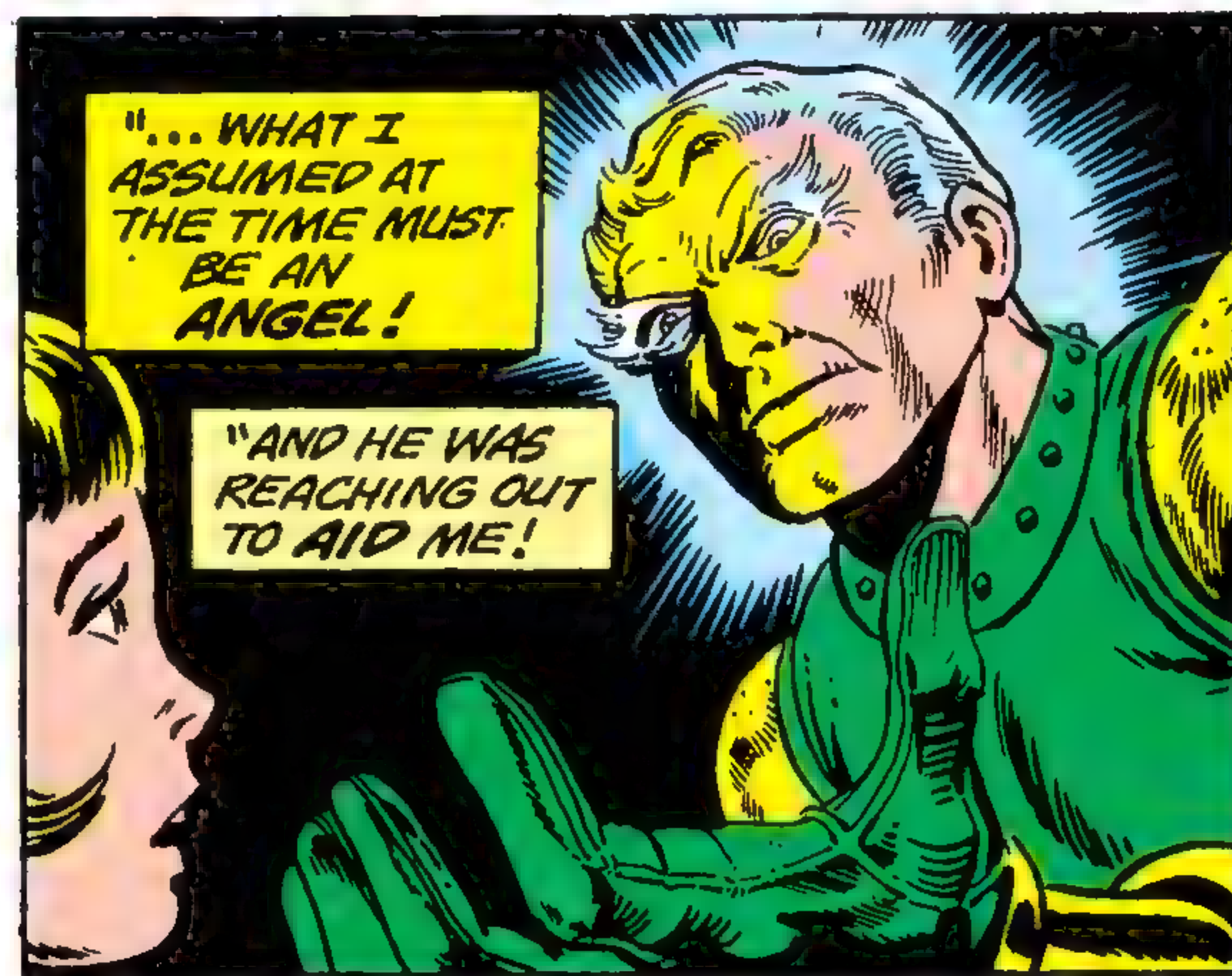
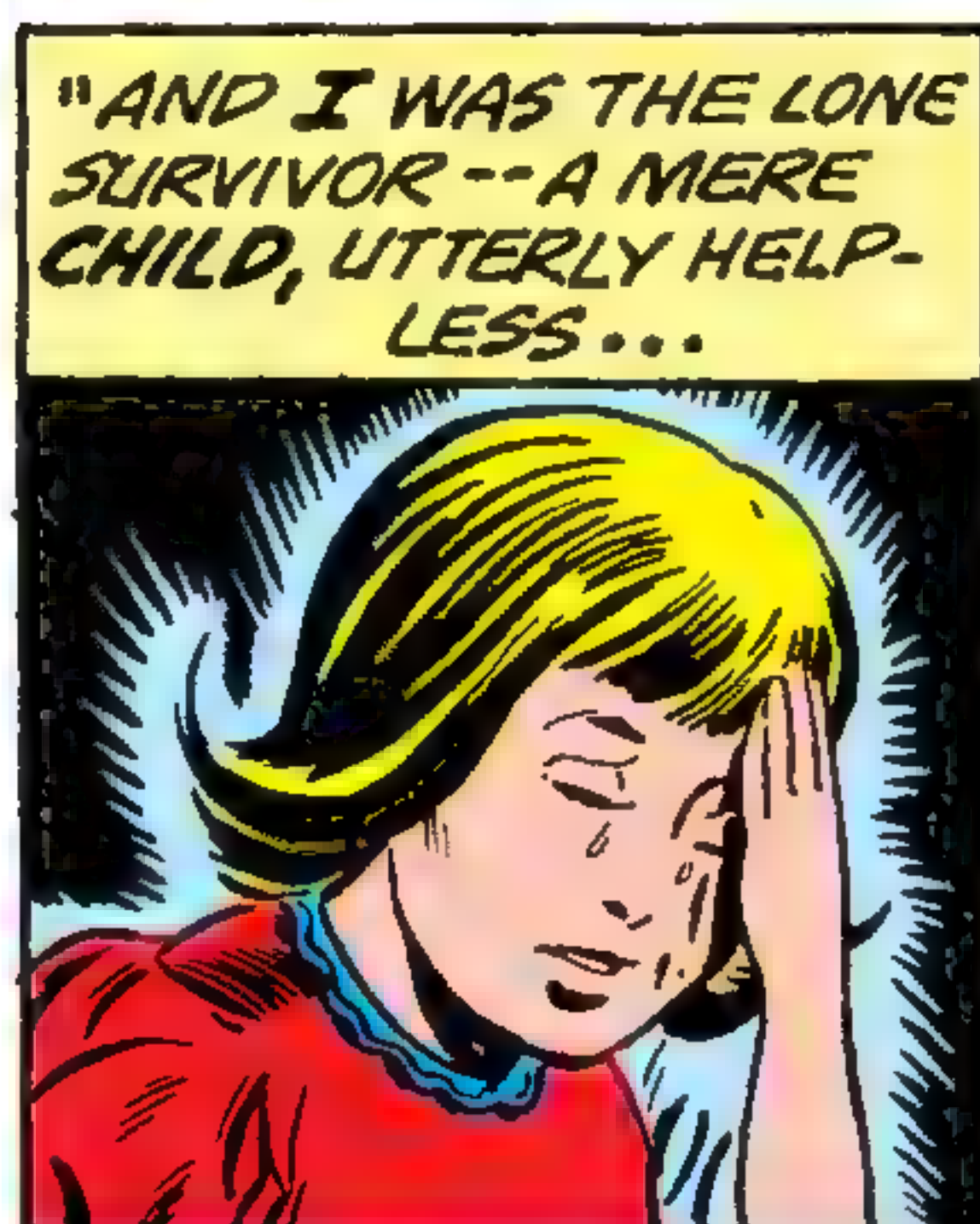
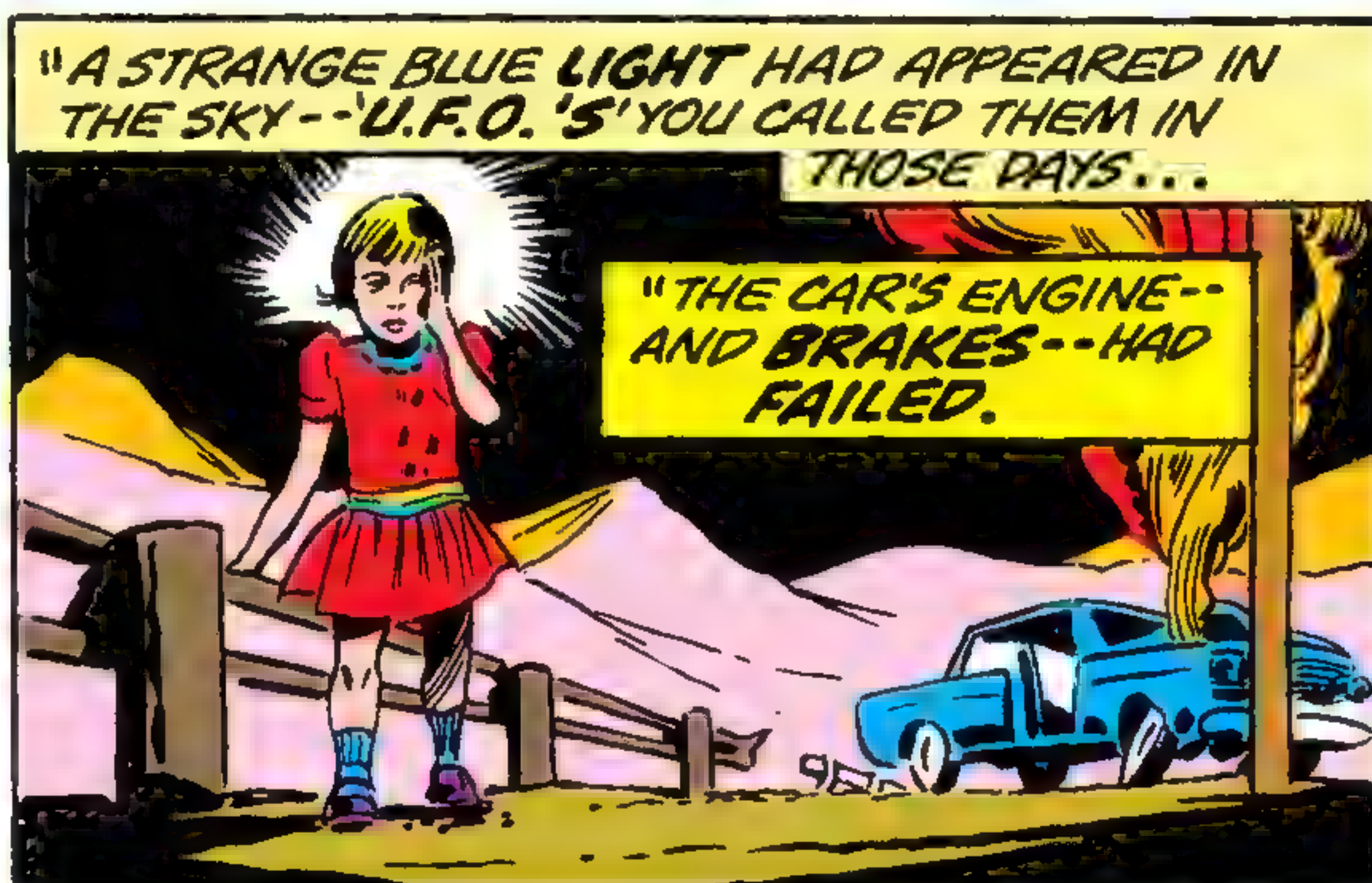
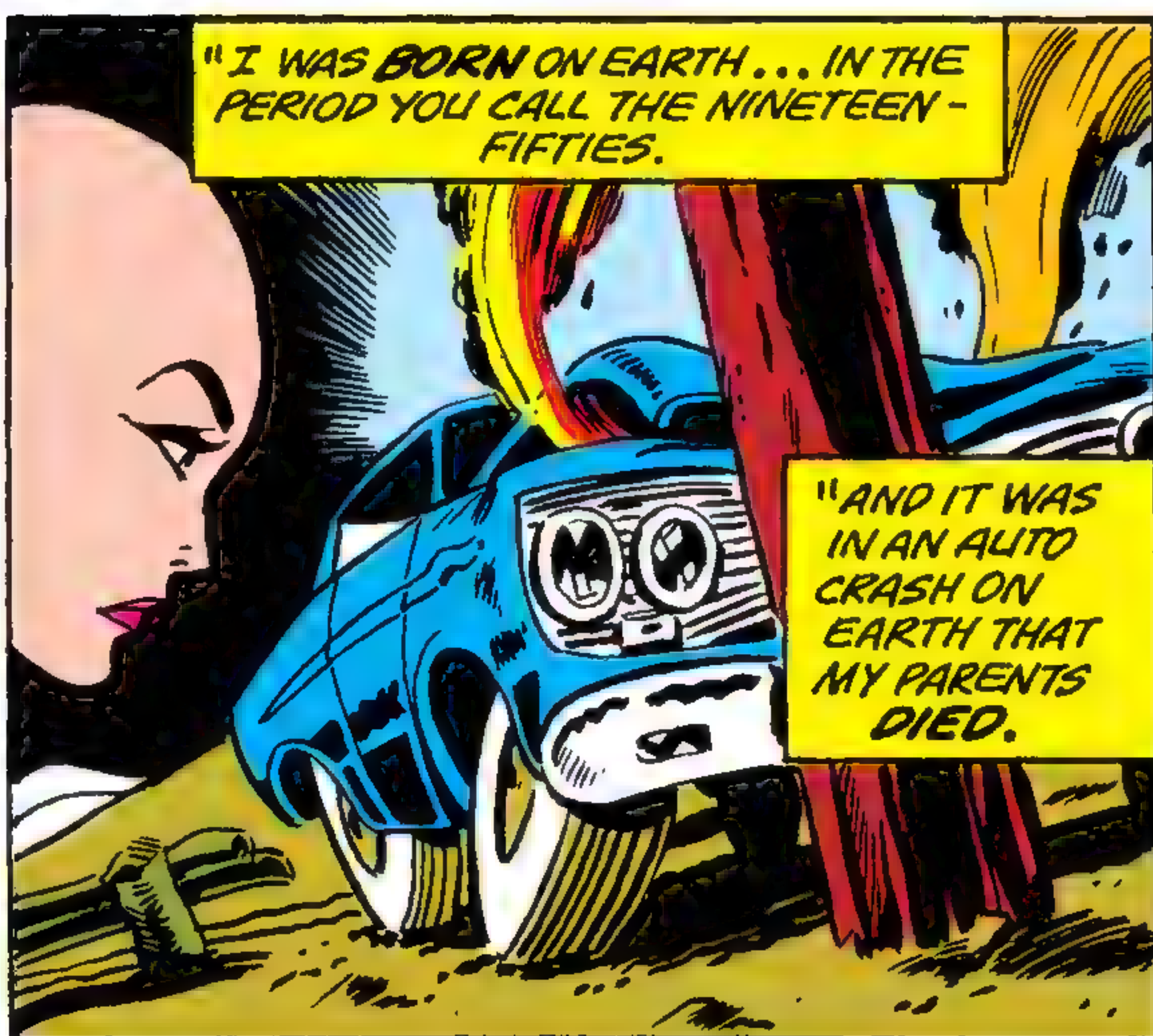


YOU ASK ME WHO I AM... BUT I CANNOT ANSWER.

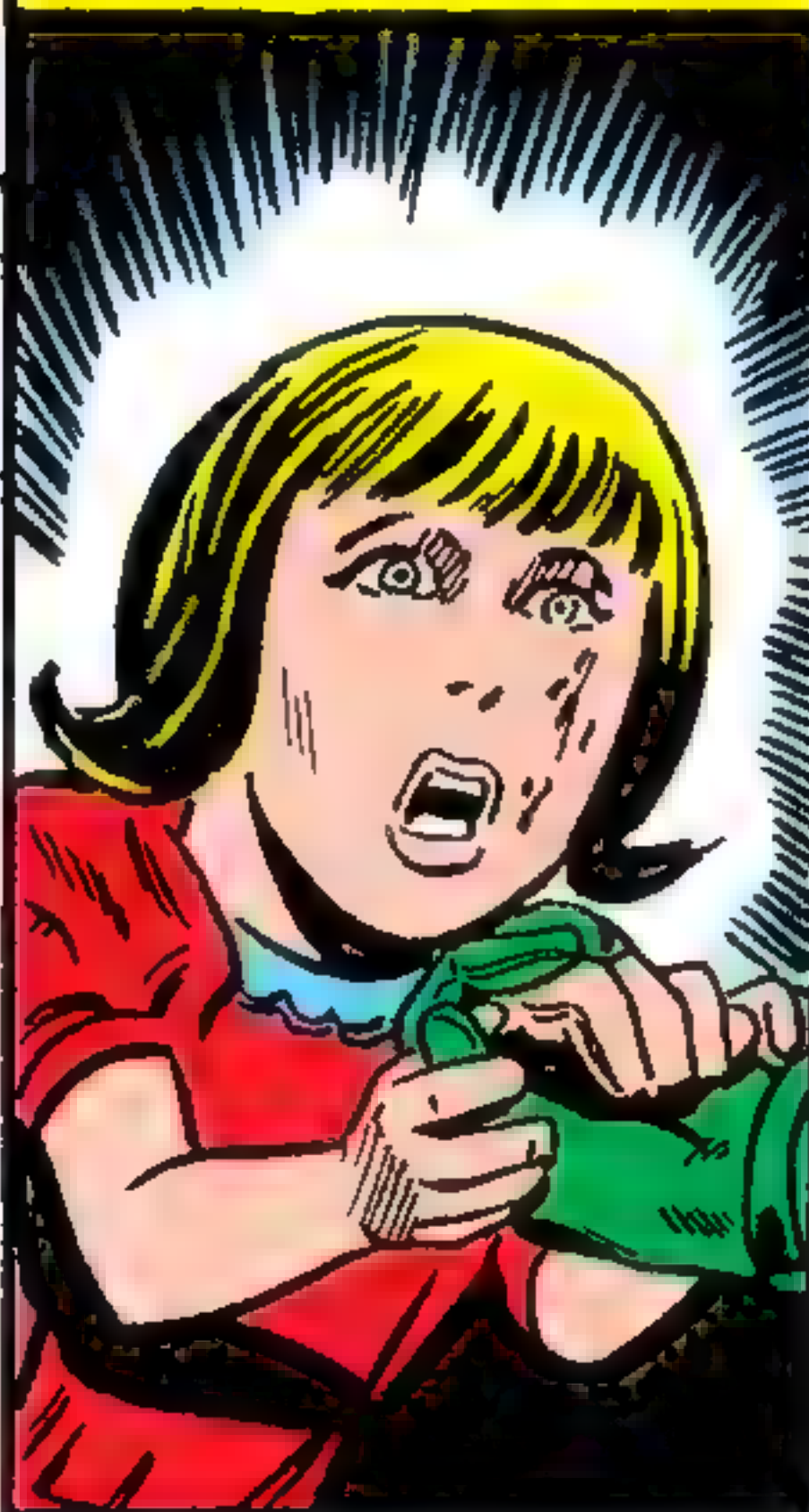
FOR, IN TRUTH, I AM NAMELESS.

A COMPUTER I CREATED ONCE DUBBED ME: "MADAME MACEVIL."

BUT I PREFER THE NAME GIVEN TO ME BY THE TEACHERS OF TITAN...



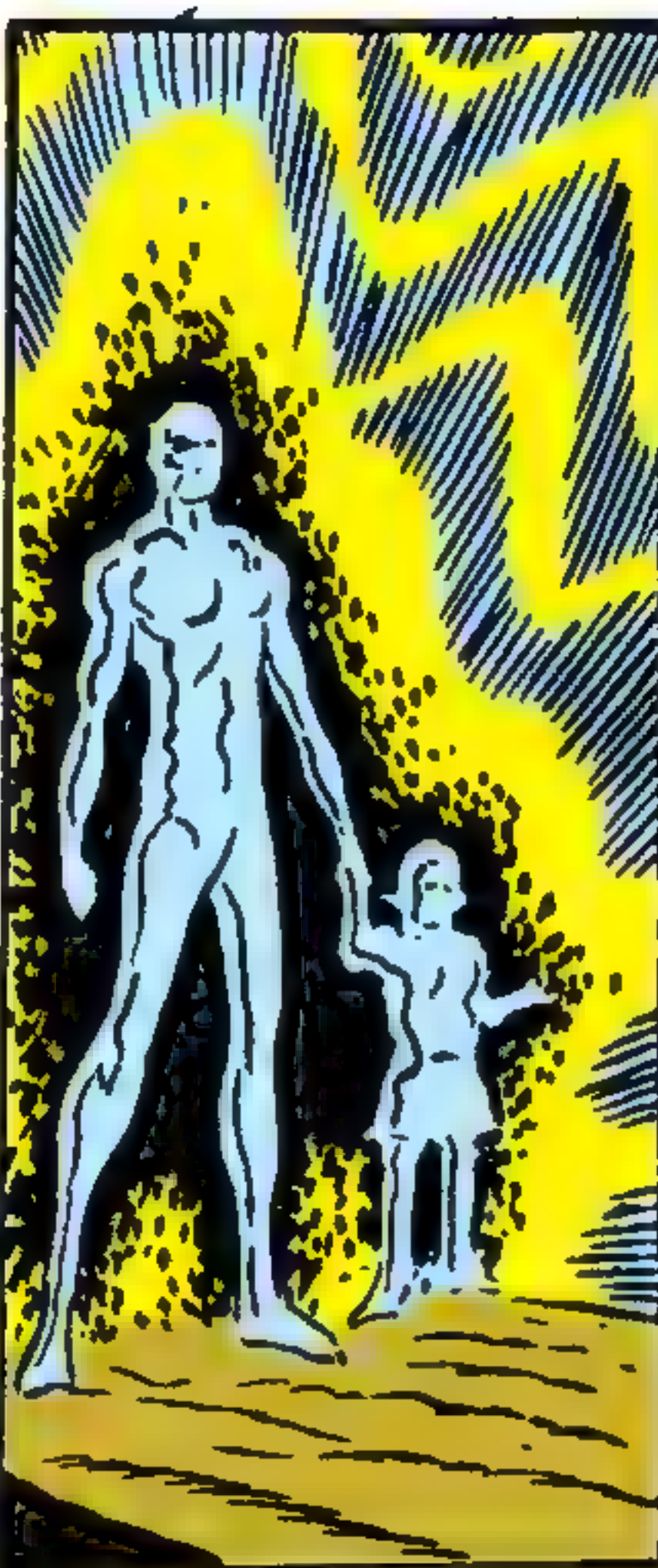
"I FAIRLY SEIZED HIS SOFT, GENTLE HAND--**BEGGED** HIM TO TAKE ME WITH HIM BACK TO HEAVEN--!"



"AND SO ONE LIFE ENDED FOR ME..."



"...AND ANOTHER **BEGAN**, ALL IN THE SAME INSTANT."

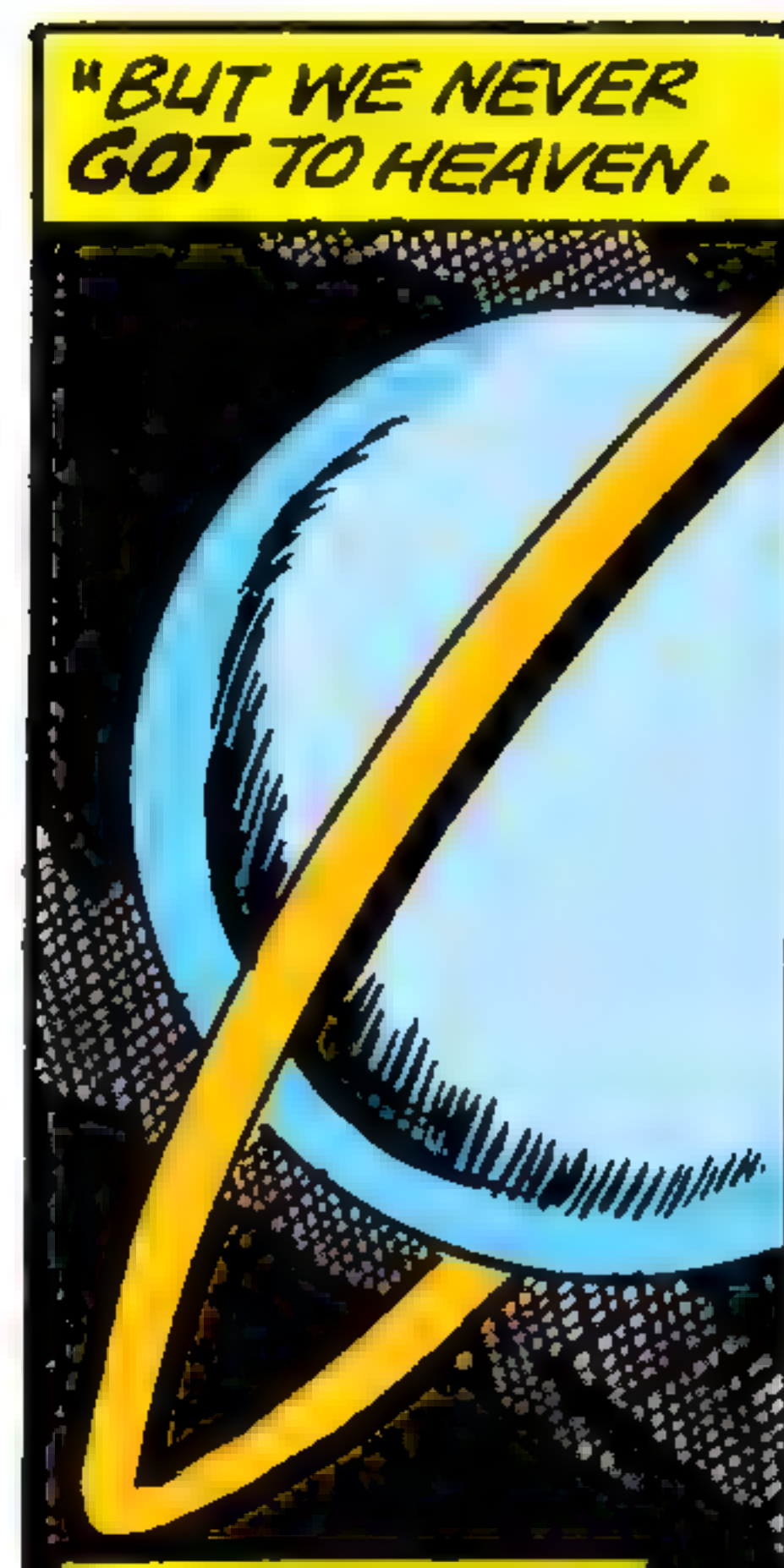


"PAST THE MOON AND MARS WE SOARED..."



"BUT WE NEVER GOT TO HEAVEN."

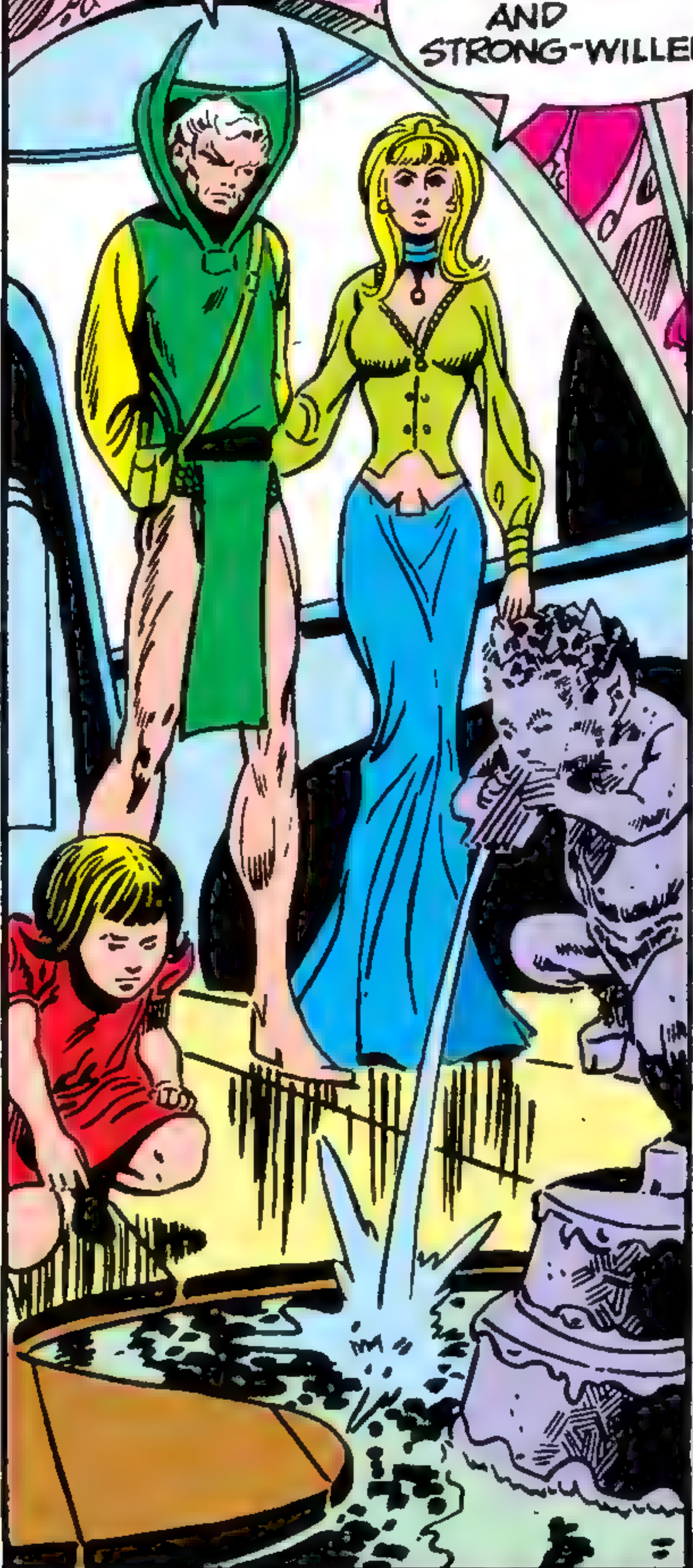
"WE 'FOUND' SOMEPLACE BETTER."



"I SPENT MY FIRST DAYS ON **TITAN** IN THE HOME OF MENTOR, THE PLANETARY LEADER ..."

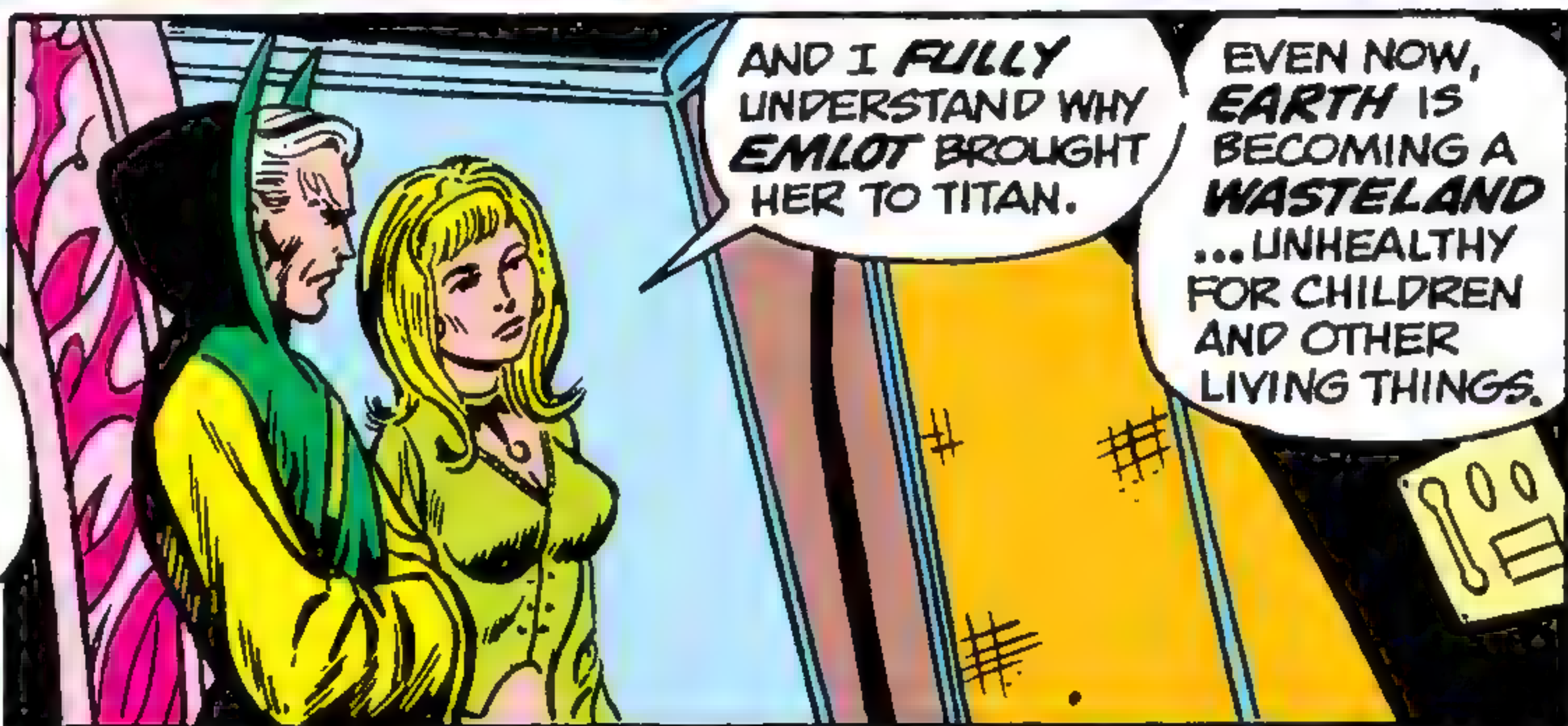
SHE WAS A ...CASUALTY OF ONE OF OUR **MISSIONARY** EXPEDITIONS, KAZANTRA.

SHE'S A **BRIGHT** GIRL, MENTOR ...CURIOUS AND STRONG-WILLED.



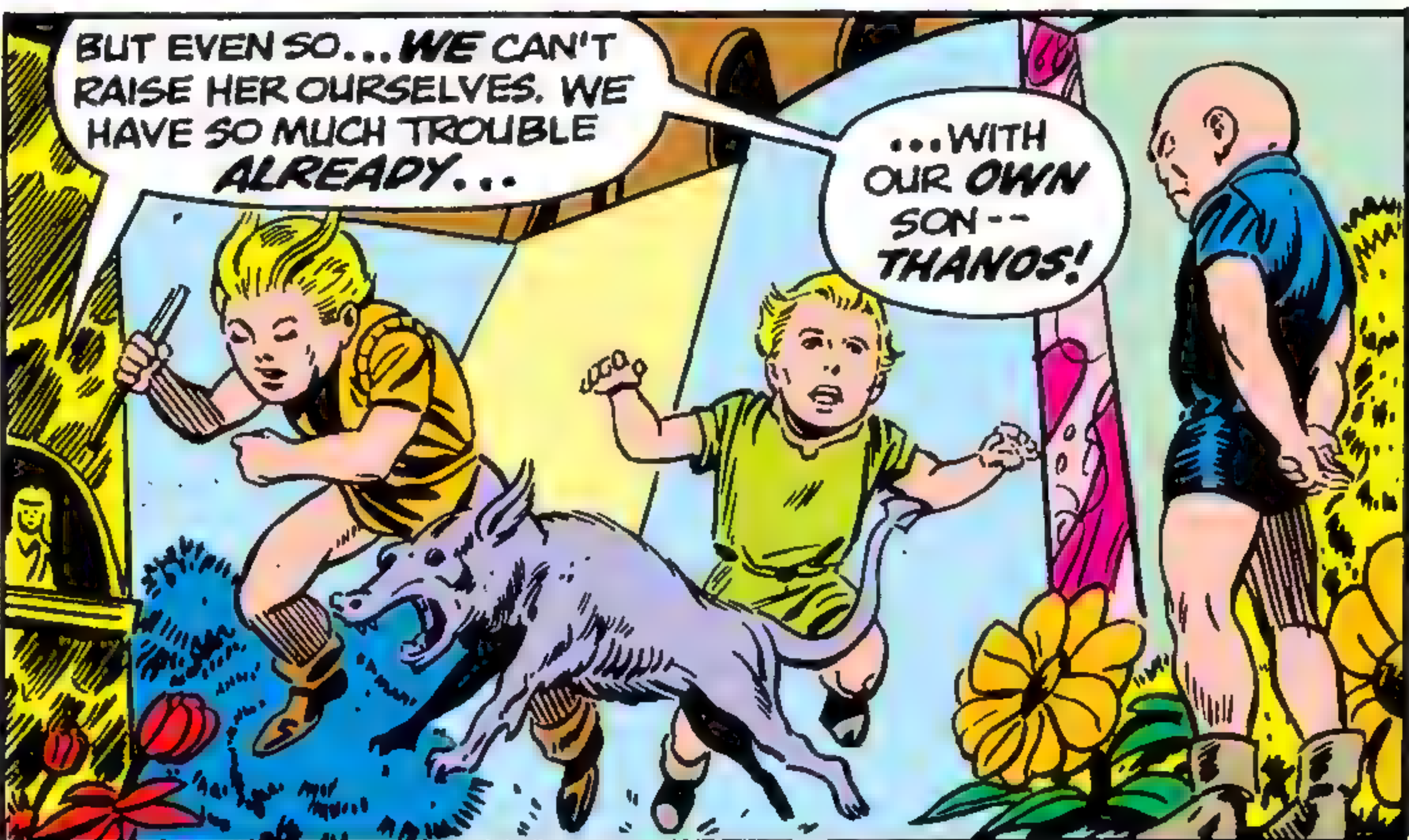
AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND WHY **EMLOT** BROUGHT HER TO TITAN.

EVEN NOW, **EARTH** IS BECOMING A **WASTELAND** ...UNHEALTHY FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER LIVING THINGS.



BUT EVEN SO...**WE** CAN'T RAISE HER OURSELVES. WE HAVE SO MUCH TROUBLE **ALREADY**...

...WITH OUR OWN SON--**THANOS**!

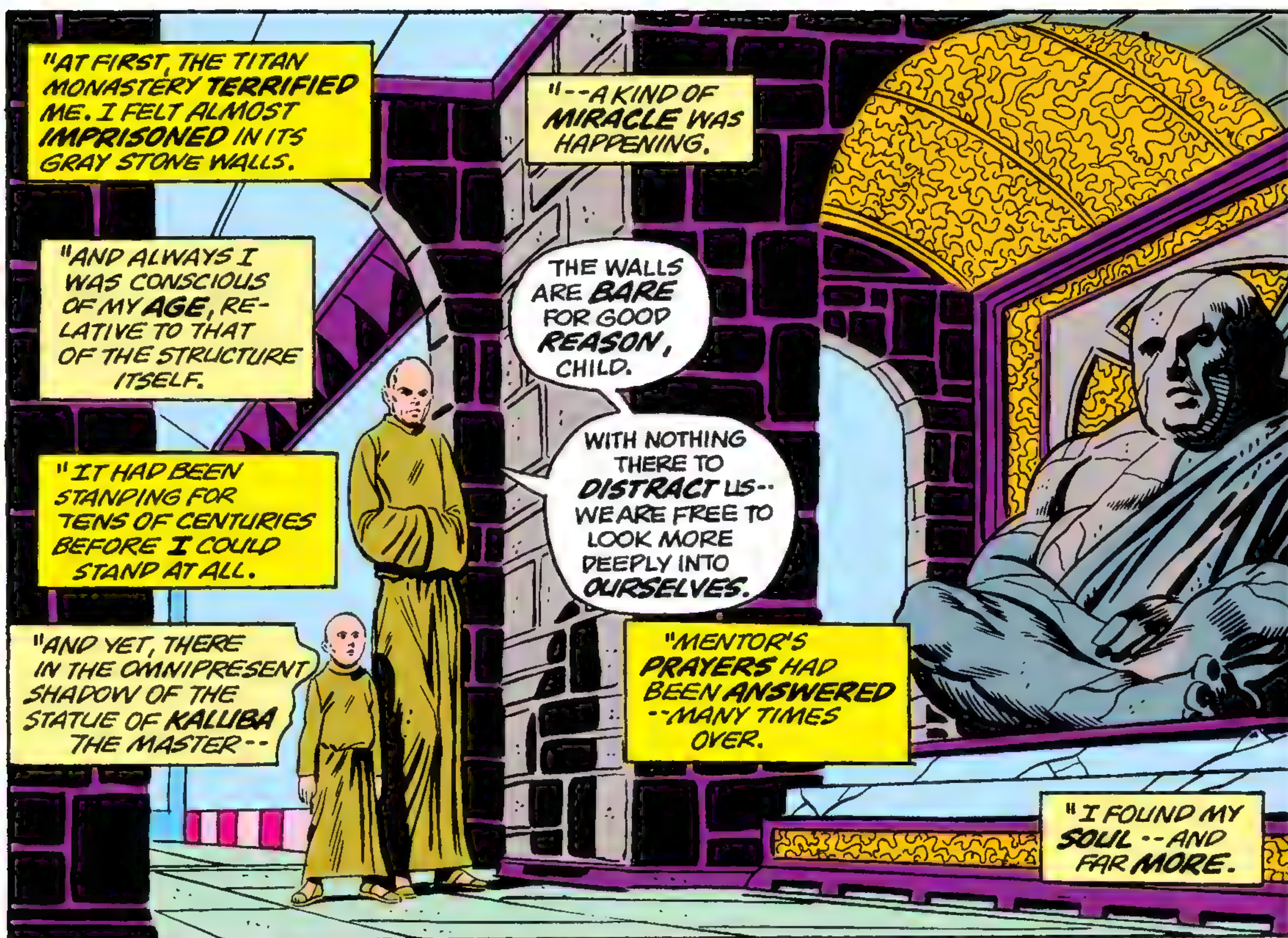


THEN WE HAVE NO **CHOICE**...

WE MUST **SUMMON** EMLOT TO TAKE HER TO THE **SHAO-LOM MONASTERY**.

LET US **PRAY** SHE FINDS HER SOUL **THERE**.





"AT FIRST, THE TITAN MONASTERY TERRIFIED ME. I FELT ALMOST IMPRISONED IN ITS GRAY STONE WALLS.

"--A KIND OF MIRACLE WAS HAPPENING.

"AND ALWAYS I WAS CONSCIOUS OF MY AGE, RELATIVE TO THAT OF THE STRUCTURE ITSELF.

THE WALLS ARE BARE FOR GOOD REASON, CHILD.

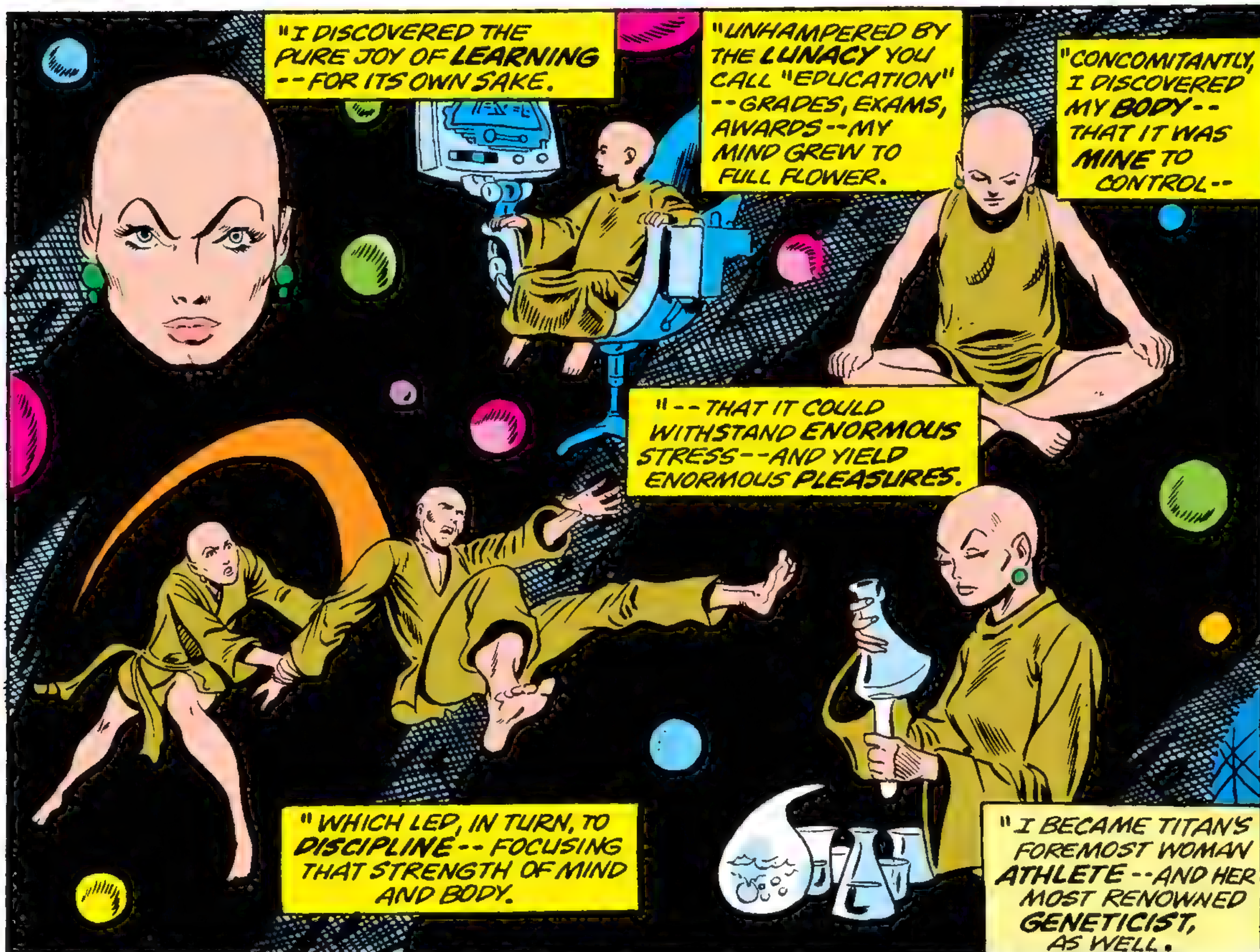
"IT HAD BEEN STANDING FOR TENS OF CENTURIES BEFORE I COULD STAND AT ALL.

WITH NOTHING THERE TO DISTRACT US-- WE ARE FREE TO LOOK MORE DEEPLY INTO OURSELVES.

"AND YET, THERE IN THE OMNIPRESENT SHADOW OF THE STATUE OF KALUBA THE MASTER--

"MENTOR'S PRAYERS HAD BEEN ANSWERED --MANY TIMES OVER.

"I FOUND MY SOUL -- AND FAR MORE.



"I DISCOVERED THE PURE JOY OF LEARNING -- FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

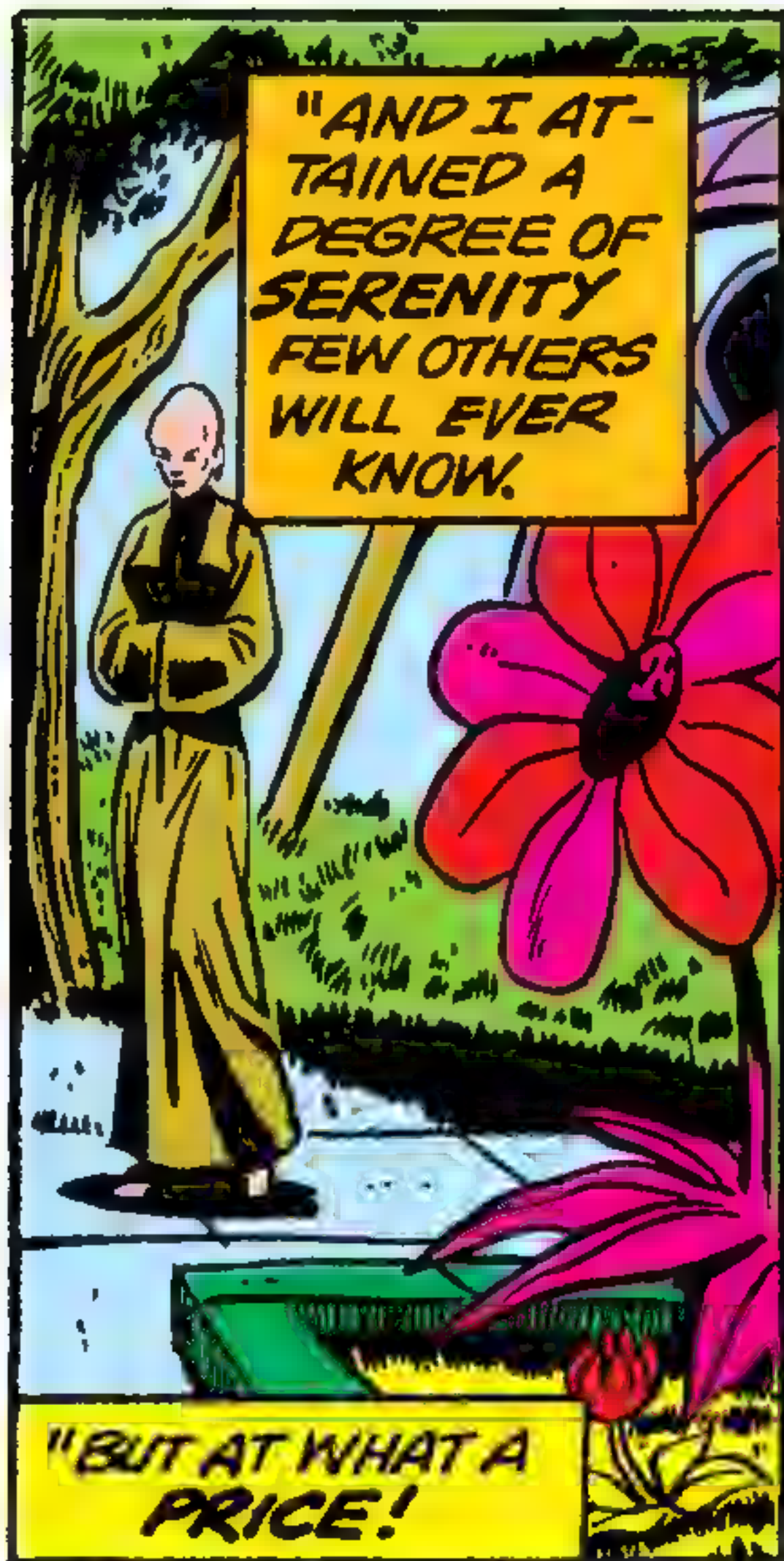
"UNHAMPERED BY THE LUNACY YOU CALL 'EDUCATION' -- GRADES, EXAMS, AWARDS-- MY MIND GREW TO FULL FLOWER.

"CONCOMITANTLY, I DISCOVERED MY BODY -- THAT IT WAS MINE TO CONTROL--

"-- THAT IT COULD WITHSTAND ENORMOUS STRESS-- AND YIELD ENORMOUS PLEASURES.

"WHICH LED, IN TURN, TO DISCIPLINE-- FOCUSING THAT STRENGTH OF MIND AND BODY.

"I BECAME TITAN'S FOREMOST WOMAN ATHLETE -- AND HER MOST RENOWNED GENETICIST, AS WELL.



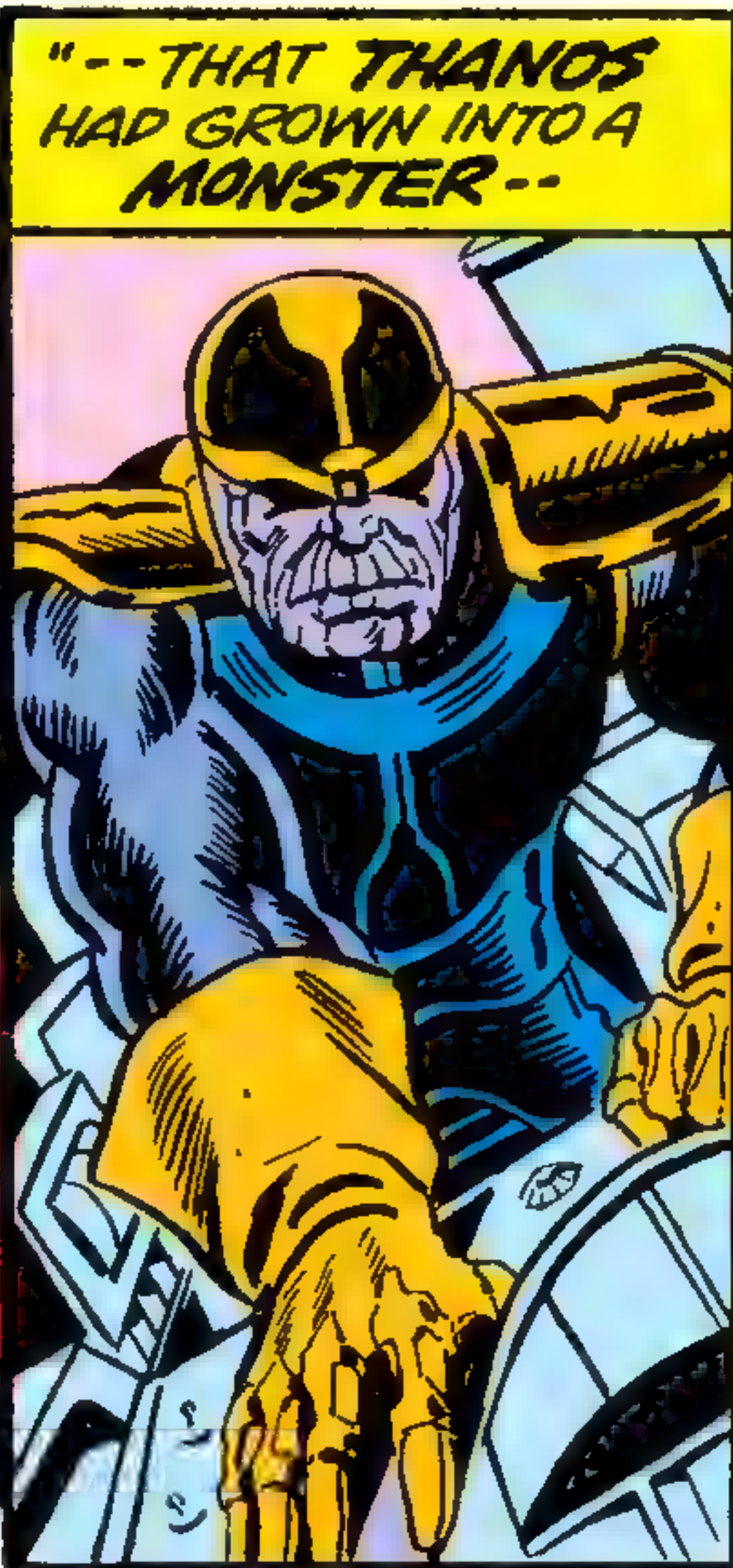
"AND I AT-
TAINED A
DEGREE OF
SERENITY
FEW OTHERS
WILL EVER
KNOW.

"BUT AT WHAT A
PRICE!



"WE HAD CLOSED OUR-
SELVES OFF FROM THE
OUTSIDE...

"...TOO
MUCH. WE
HAD NO WAY
OF
KNOWING--

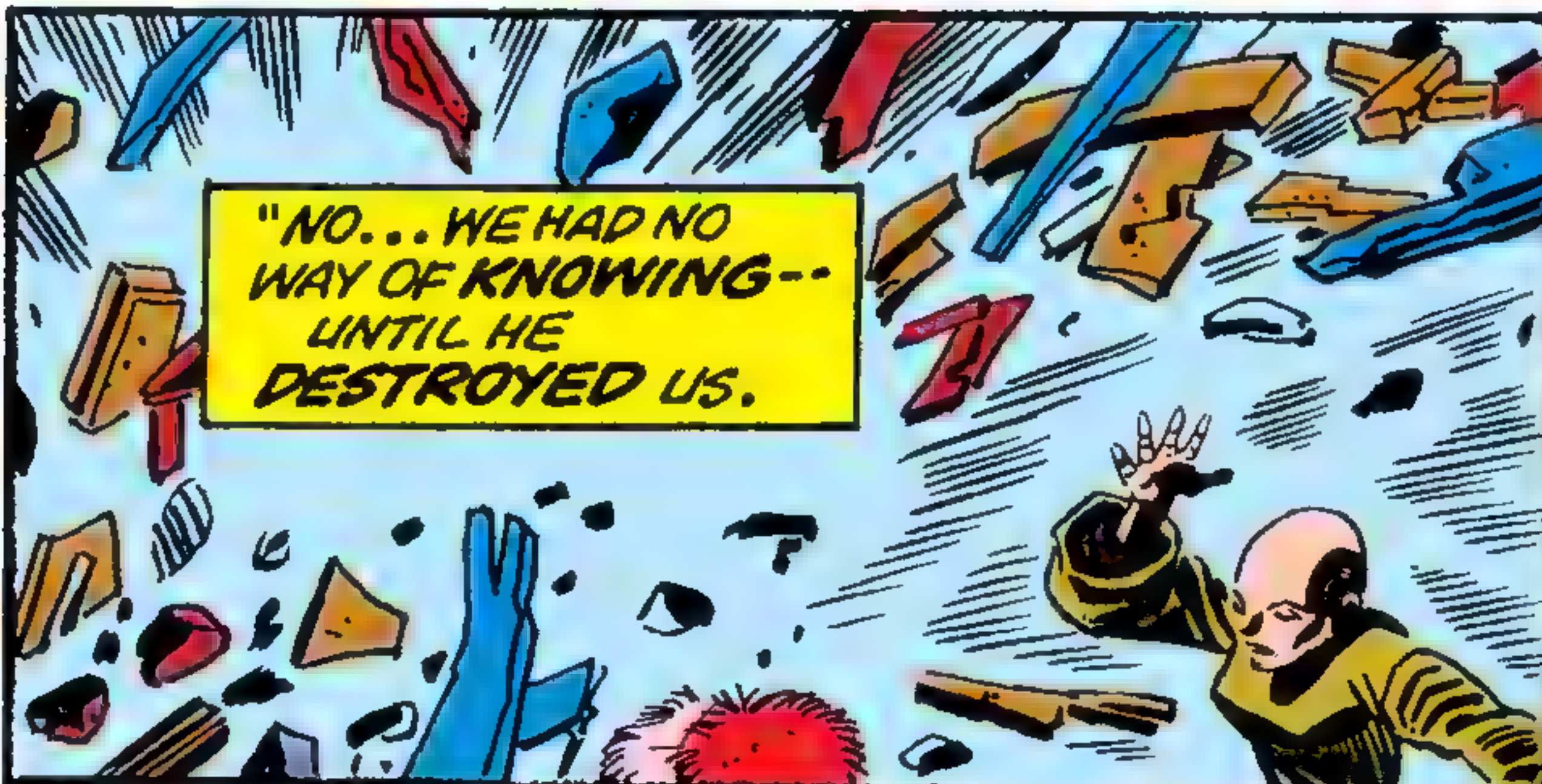


"-- THAT THANOS
HAD GROWN INTO A
MONSTER--



"-- THAT HE
HAD
OVERTHROWN
HIS FATHER--

"-- SEEKING TO RULE
TITAN AND THE
UNIVERSE-- HIMSELF!

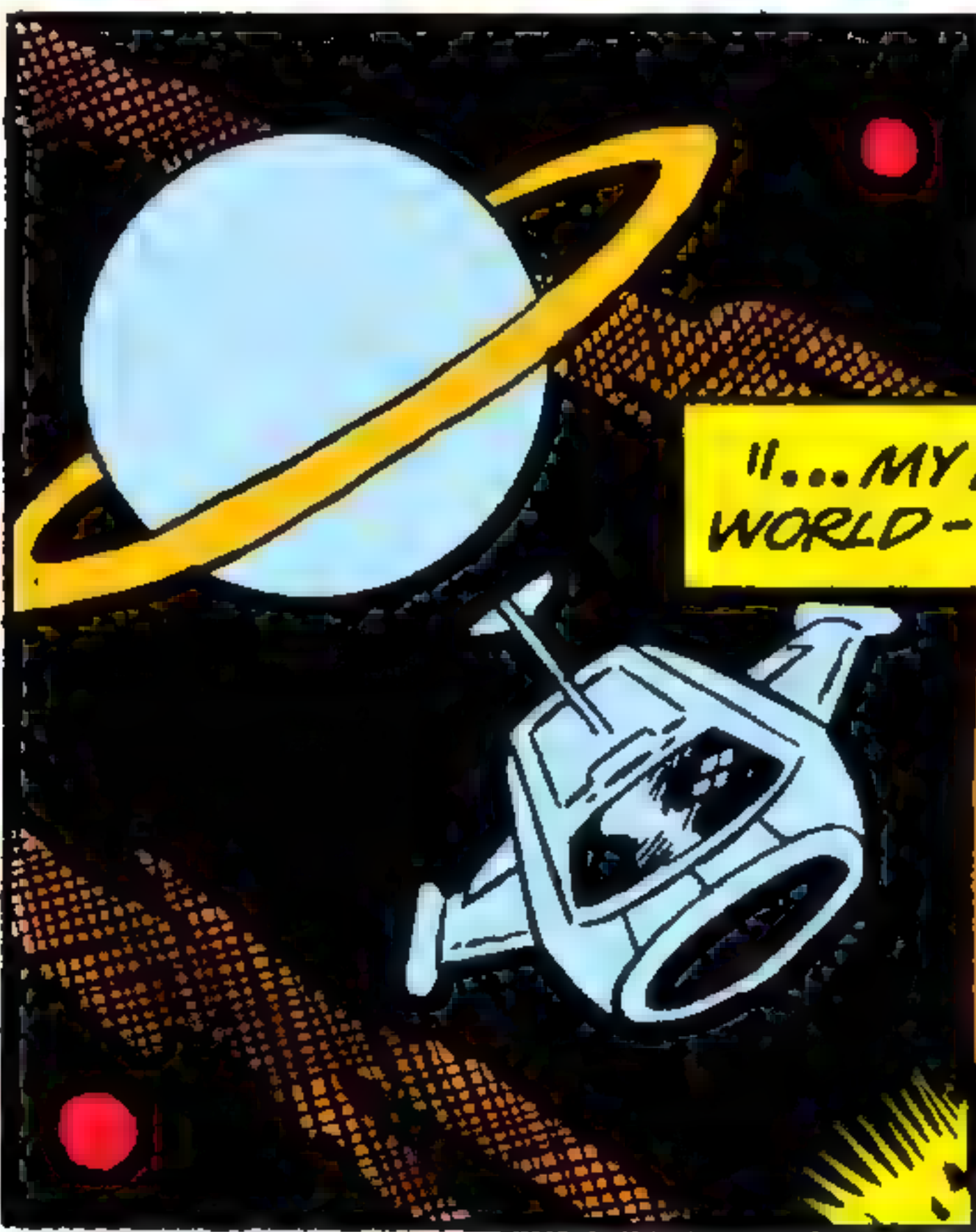
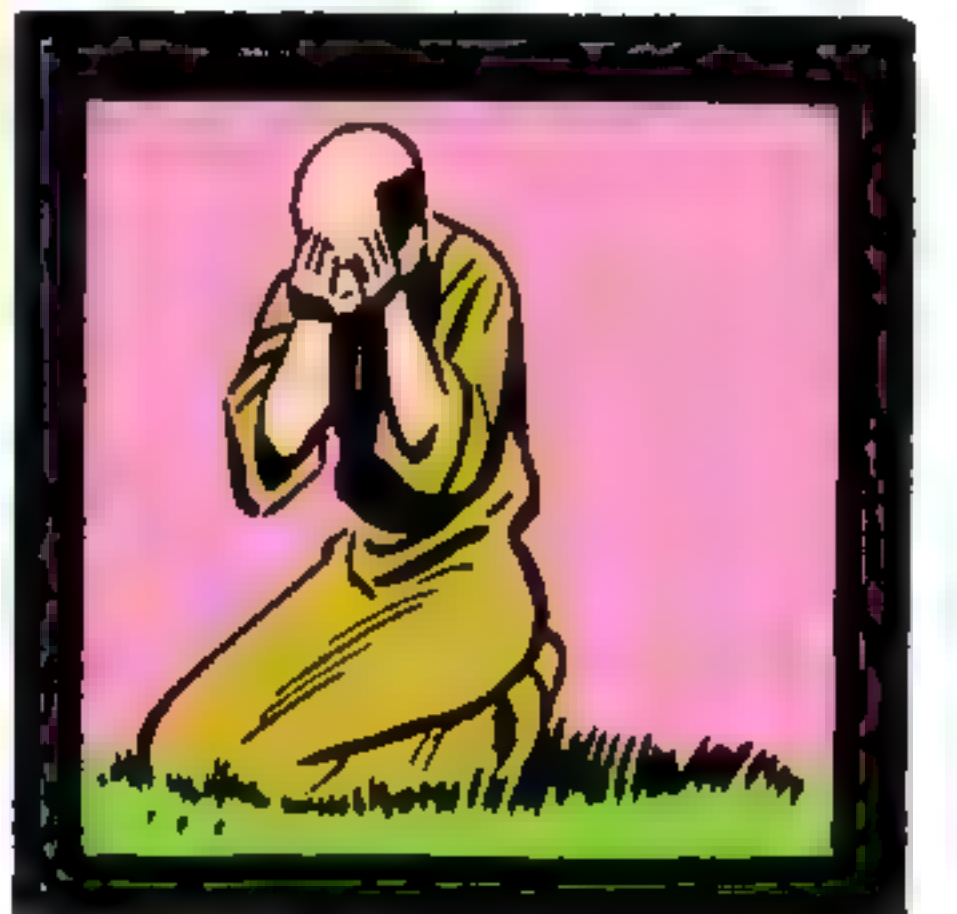


"NO... WE HAD NO
WAY OF KNOWING--
UNTIL HE
DESTROYED US.

"AGAIN, I WAS THE
ONLY SURVIVOR-- AND
I VOWED VENGEANCE!

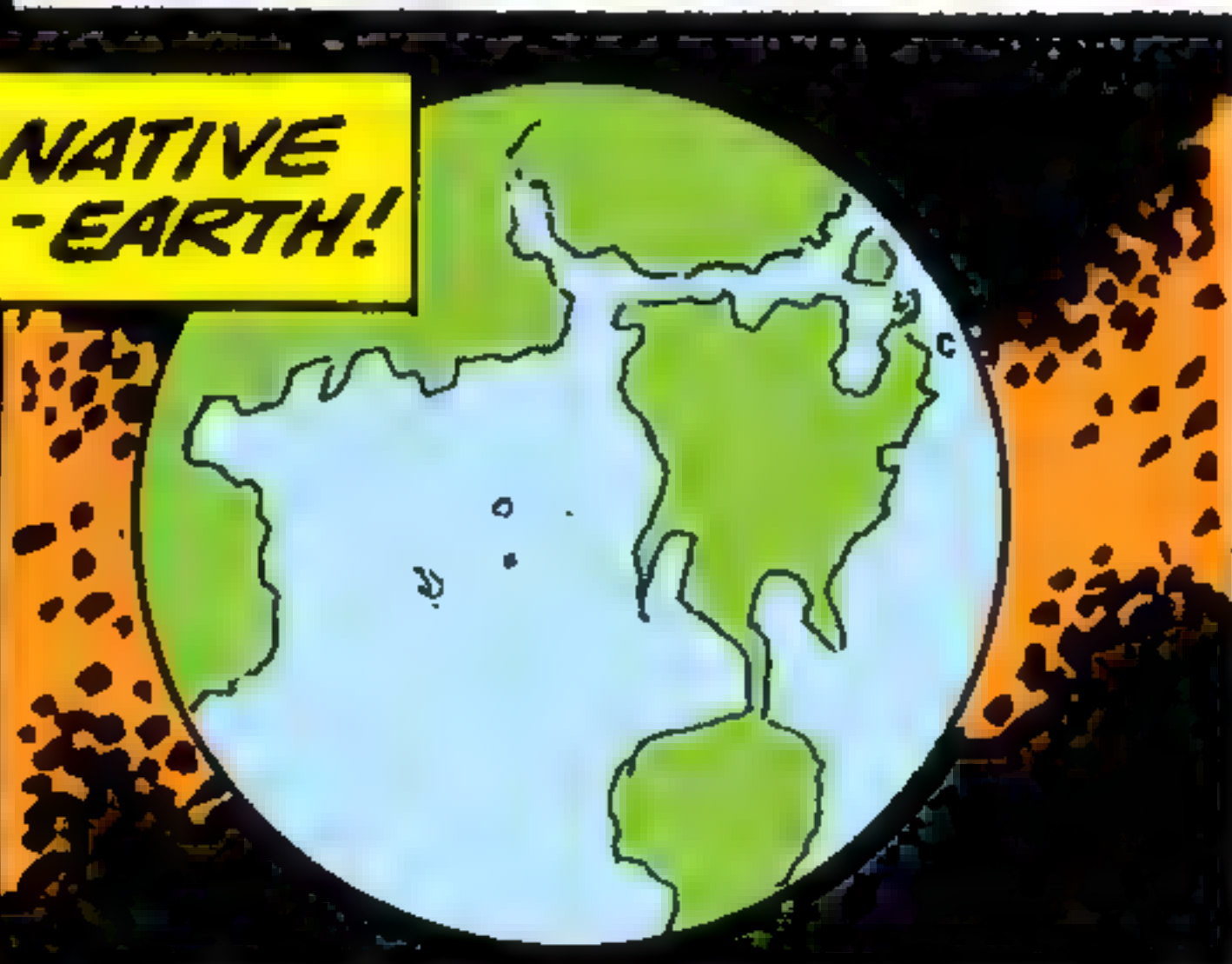


"AND THEN... I
KNEELED AND
WEPT FOR THE
AGES-OLD WALLS.



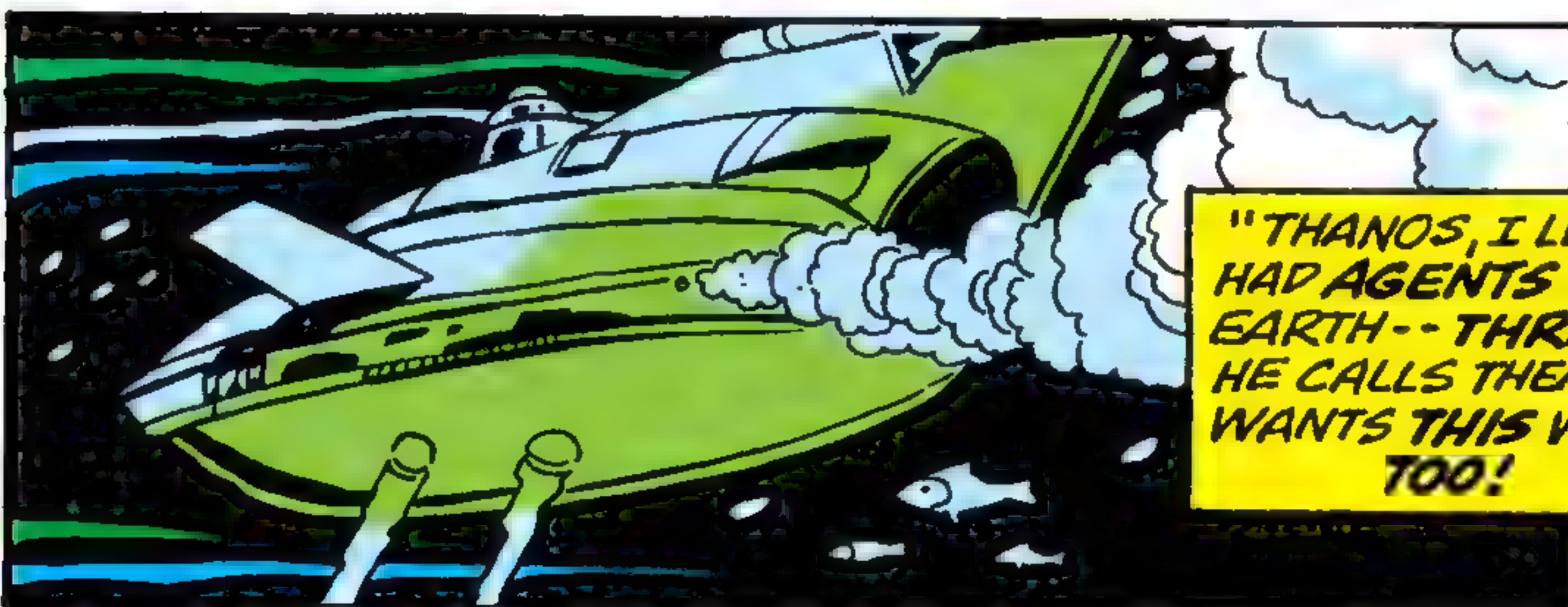
"SOON, THANOS
CONTROLLED ALL
TITAN*-- AND SO
I LEFT-- ON A
COURSE FOR...

"... MY NATIVE
WORLD-- EARTH!

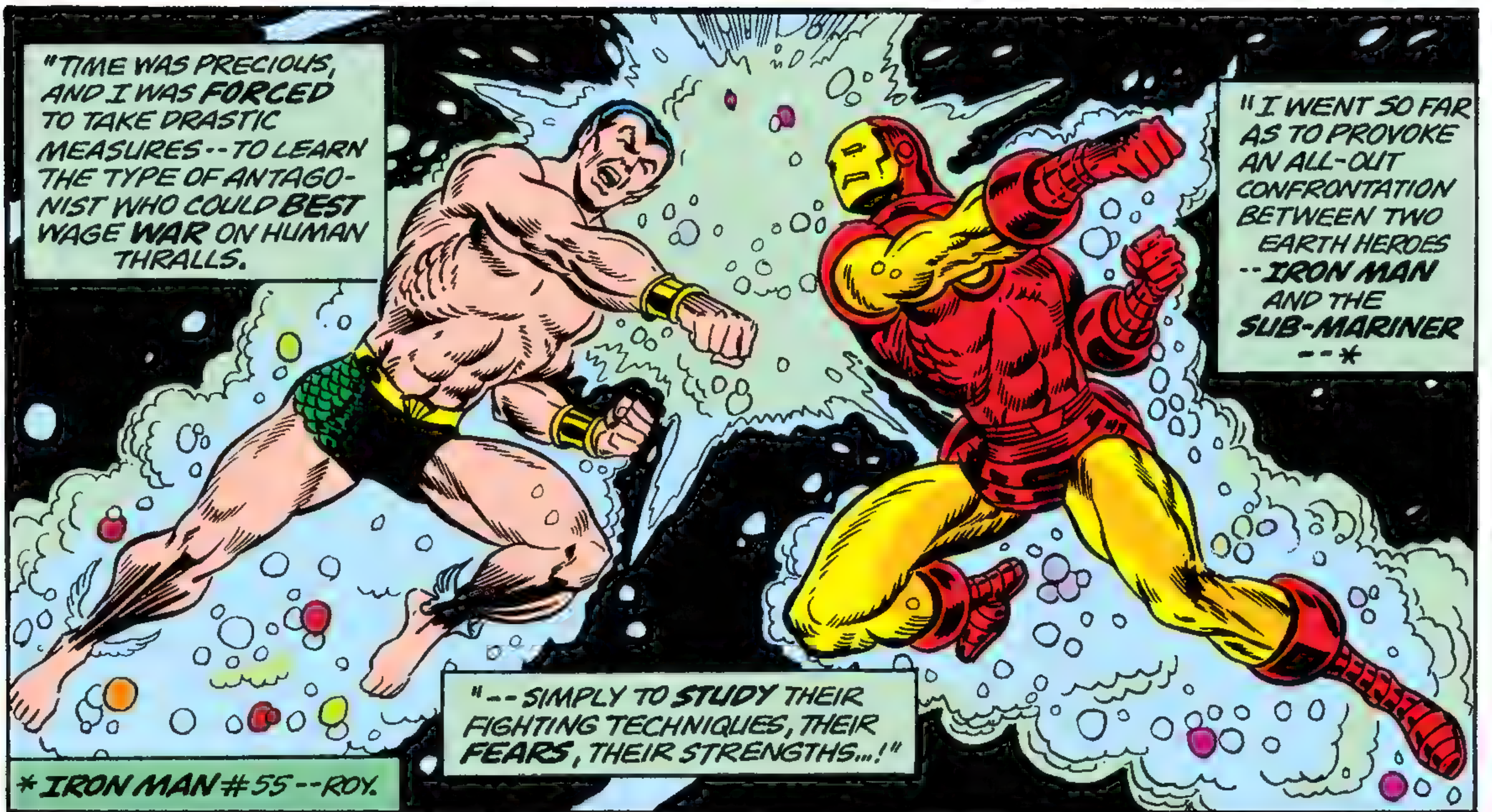


"AT FIRST, IT WAS SIMPLY TO
CONTINUE MY GENETICS
EXPERIMENTS... BUT THE
MISSION GREW IN SCOPE
WITH EACH PASSING DAY.

*SEE CAPT. MARVEL
#27. -- R.T.



"THANOS, I LEARNED,
HAD AGENTS ON
EARTH-- THRALLS,
HE CALLS THEM. HE
WANTS THIS WORLD,
TOO!



"TIME WAS PRECIOUS,
AND I WAS FORCED
TO TAKE DRASTIC
MEASURES--TO LEARN
THE TYPE OF ANTAGO-
NIST WHO COULD BEST
WAGE WAR ON HUMAN
THRALLS.

"I WENT SO FAR
AS TO PROVOKE
AN ALL-OUT
CONFRONTATION
BETWEEN TWO
EARTH HEROES
--IRON MAN
AND THE
SUB-MARINER
--*

"--SIMPLY TO STUDY THEIR
FIGHTING TECHNIQUES, THEIR
FEARS, THEIR STRENGTHS...!"

*IRON MAN #55--ROY.

FINALLY, LEARNING THAT TITAN'S ONLY EARTH-
ALLIES, THE KREE CAPTAIN **MAR-VELL** AND
IRON MAN HIMSELF, LIVED ON THIS
CONTINENT'S **EASTERN SHORE**--

--I MOVED MY UNDERSEA BASE HERE
TO THE **WEST**--CONSTRUCTED THIS SECRET
FORTRESS--AND MADE A HUMAN **ALLY!**



WITH THIS **AID**,
I SOON DEDUCED
THAT **YOU**, DARE-
DEVIL, WERE A
THRALL!

AND SINCE
THEN --AGAIN
WITH HIS
INVALUABLE HELP--
I HAVE COME TO
REALIZE **MORE!**



I'VE **WATCHED** THIS ENTIRE
CITY CLOSELY--SEEN HOW ITS
PEOPLE **CHEER** YOUR EXPLOITS--!

I AM CON-
VINCED THAT
SAN
FRANCISCO
IS **THANOS-**
CONTROLLED!

YOU
BET.

AND THAT,
THEREFORE,
IT MUST BE
CLEANSED!



CLEANSED?! LADY,
YOU ARE A RAVING
PARANOID! AND
WHATEVER YOU'RE
UP TO, I'M GOING
TO **STOP** IT!

--SO YOU
CAN **NOT**
STOP IT!

BUT, DO YOU NOT
SEE? THAT IS
PRECISELY WHY
YOU ARE **HERE--!**

NOW, WITH YOU IN MY GRASP--I CAN UNLEASH MY **CREATIONS** ON THE CITY AGAIN--CONFIDENT THEY WILL **SUCCEED** AT THEIR MAMMOTH TASK.

CREATIONS?
WHAT CREATIONS?

WHY--THE **DARK MESSIAH**--THE **RAMROD**--AND **ANGAR THE SCREAMER**--!

"THE PROCESS IS STARTING EVEN NOW--AMID THE WRECKAGE OF THE EDIFICE POOR **MORDECAI** DESTROYED WHEN HE... SHORT-CIRCUITED."*

*DD/BW#98--R.T.

I AIN'T NEVER **SEEN** NOTHIN' LIKE IT! THE **AIR'S** BURNIN' UP!

A--A PILLAR OF **FIRE**! IS IT--?

NO, WAIT-- IT AIN'T THE END! **CRIPES**--DON'TCHA SEE?

IT MUST BE **ATOMS**--OR **MOLECULES**--NOT FIRE!

"THEY'RE FORMIN' THEMSELVES INTO A **MAN**--THAT CREEP DD FOUGHT WEEKS AGO--

"--THE **DARK MESSIAH**!!"

WHILE, IN A POLICE HOSPITAL, MILES DISTANT--

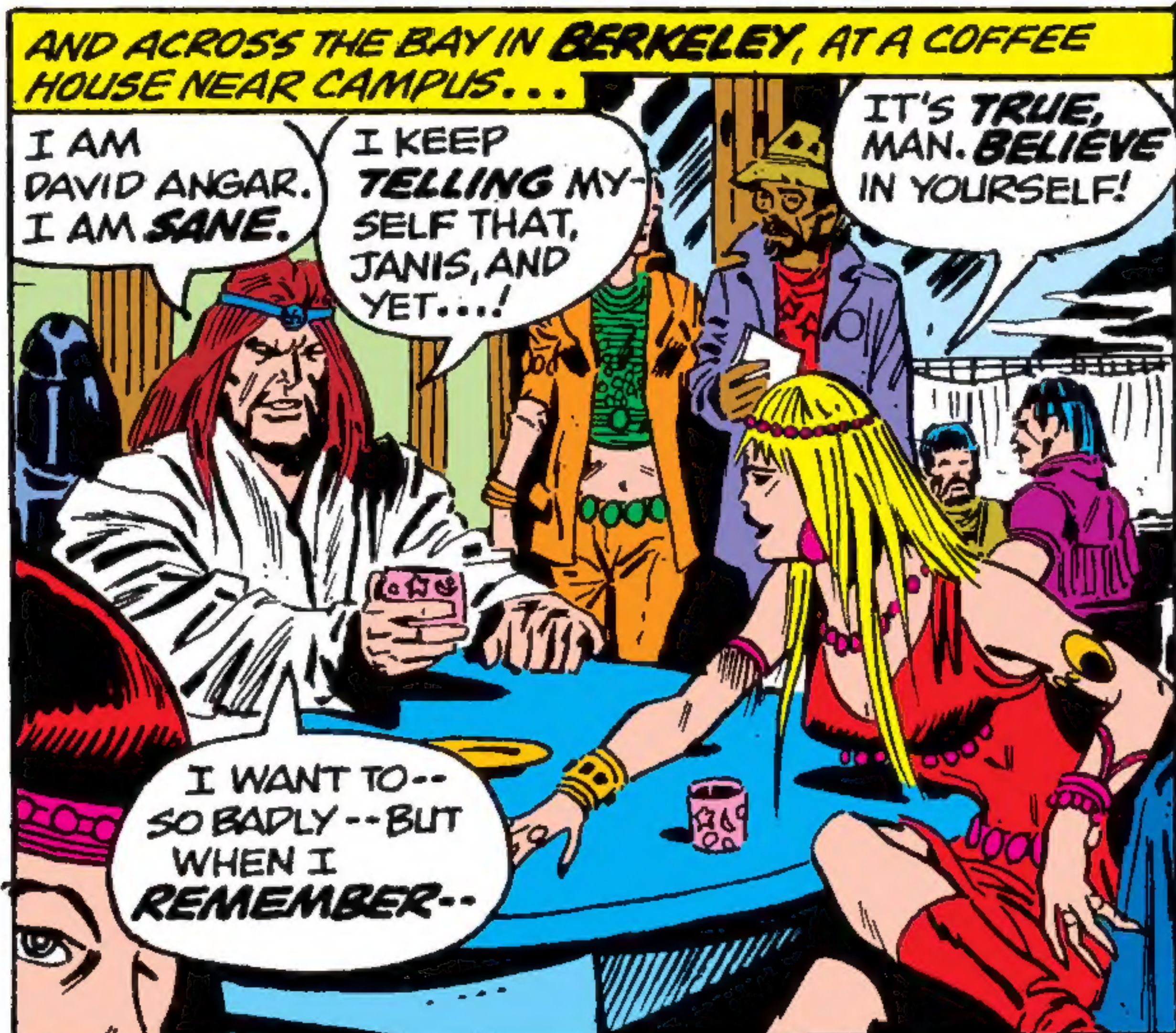
HEY!! YOU'RE IN A **COMA**! YOU CAN'T--!

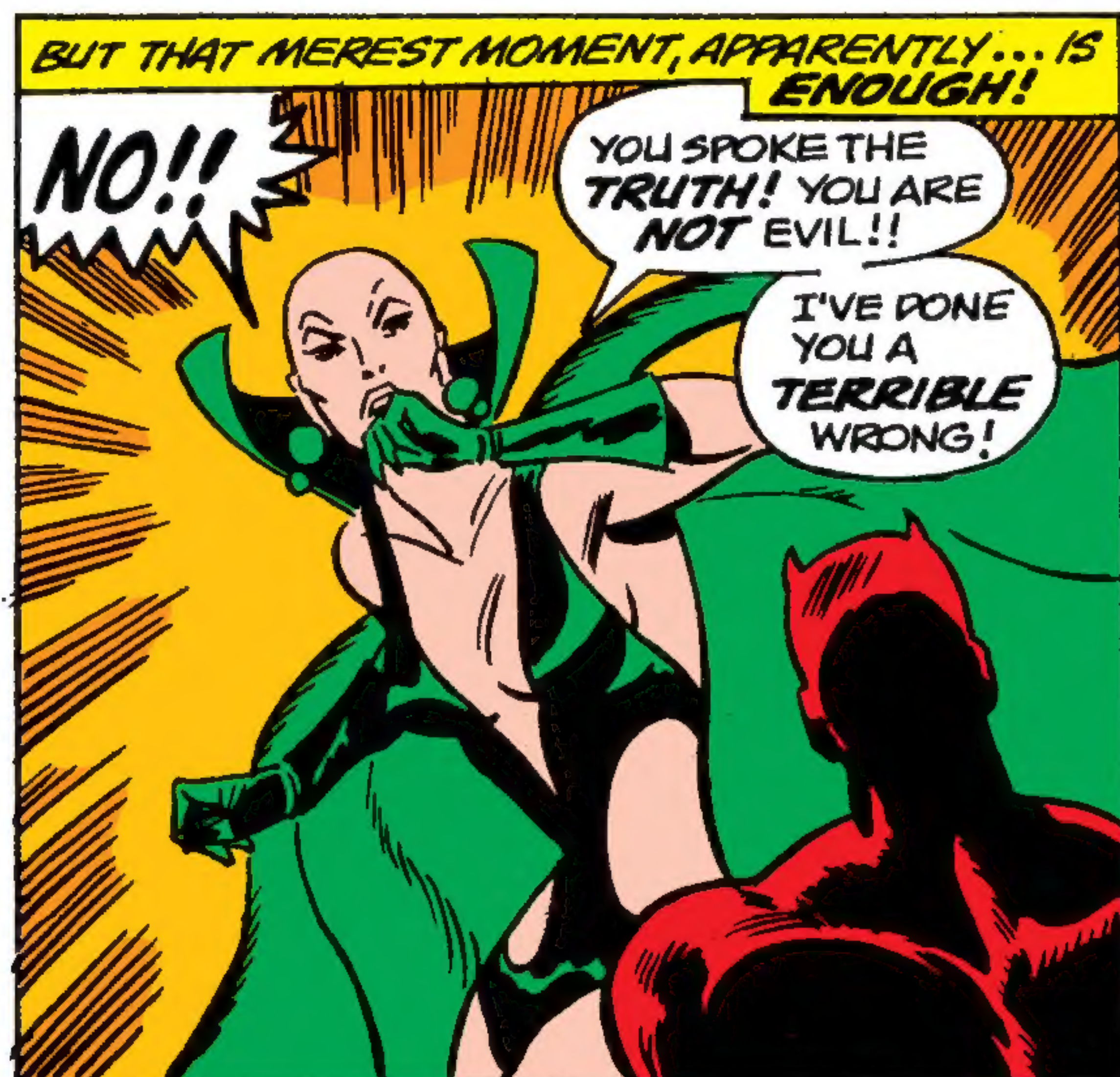
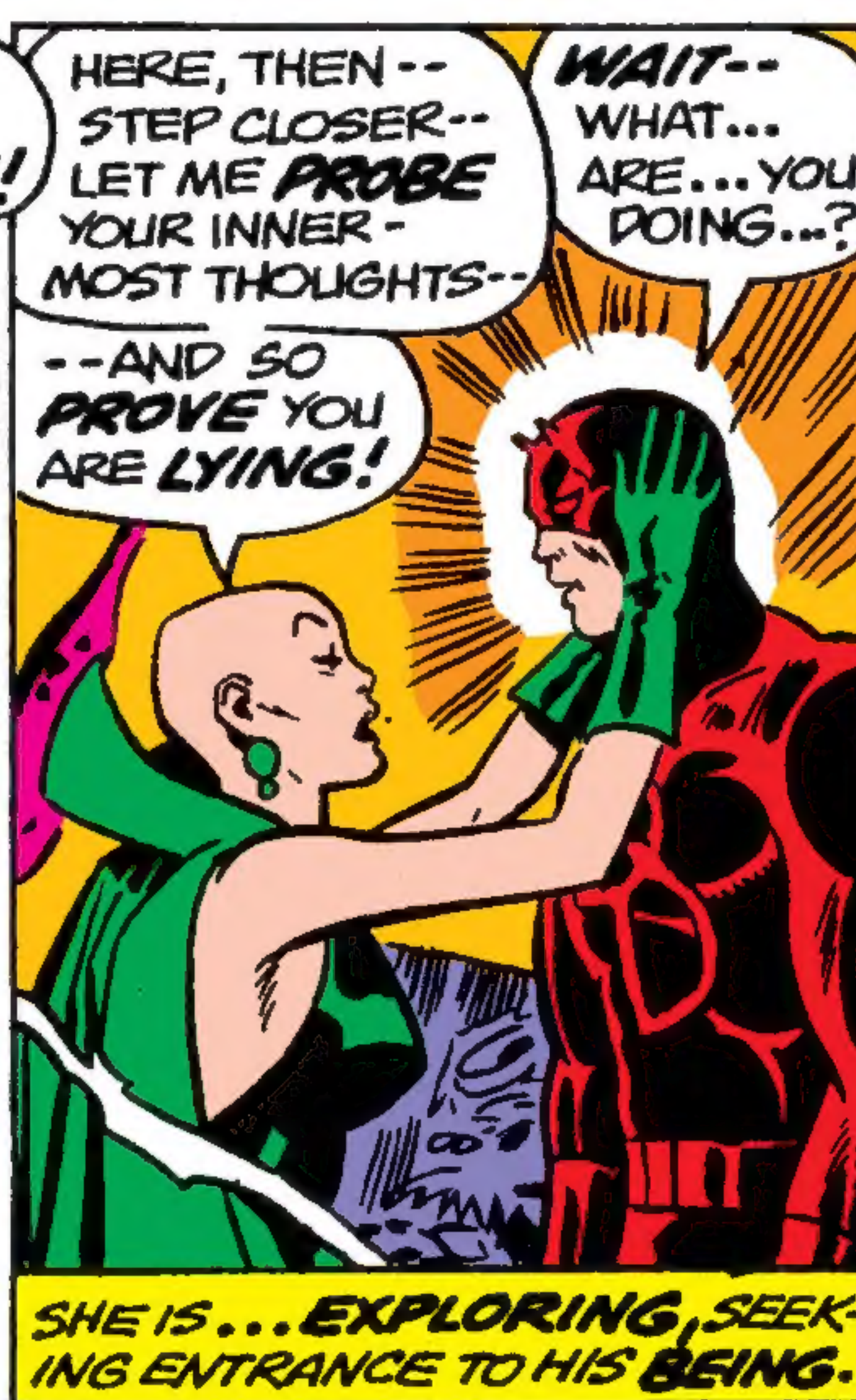
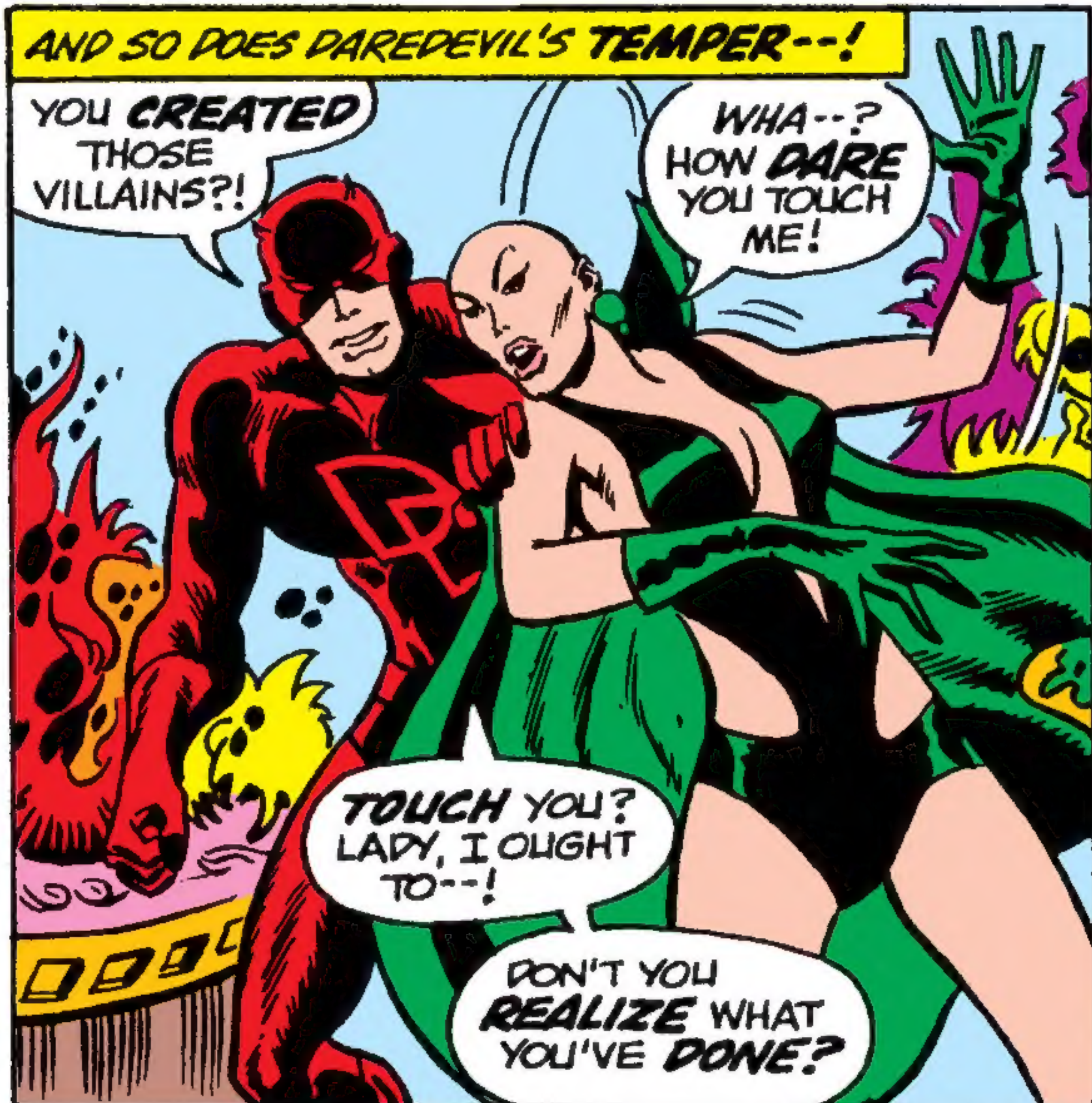
I CAN'T, HUH? TRYIN' **STOP** ME!

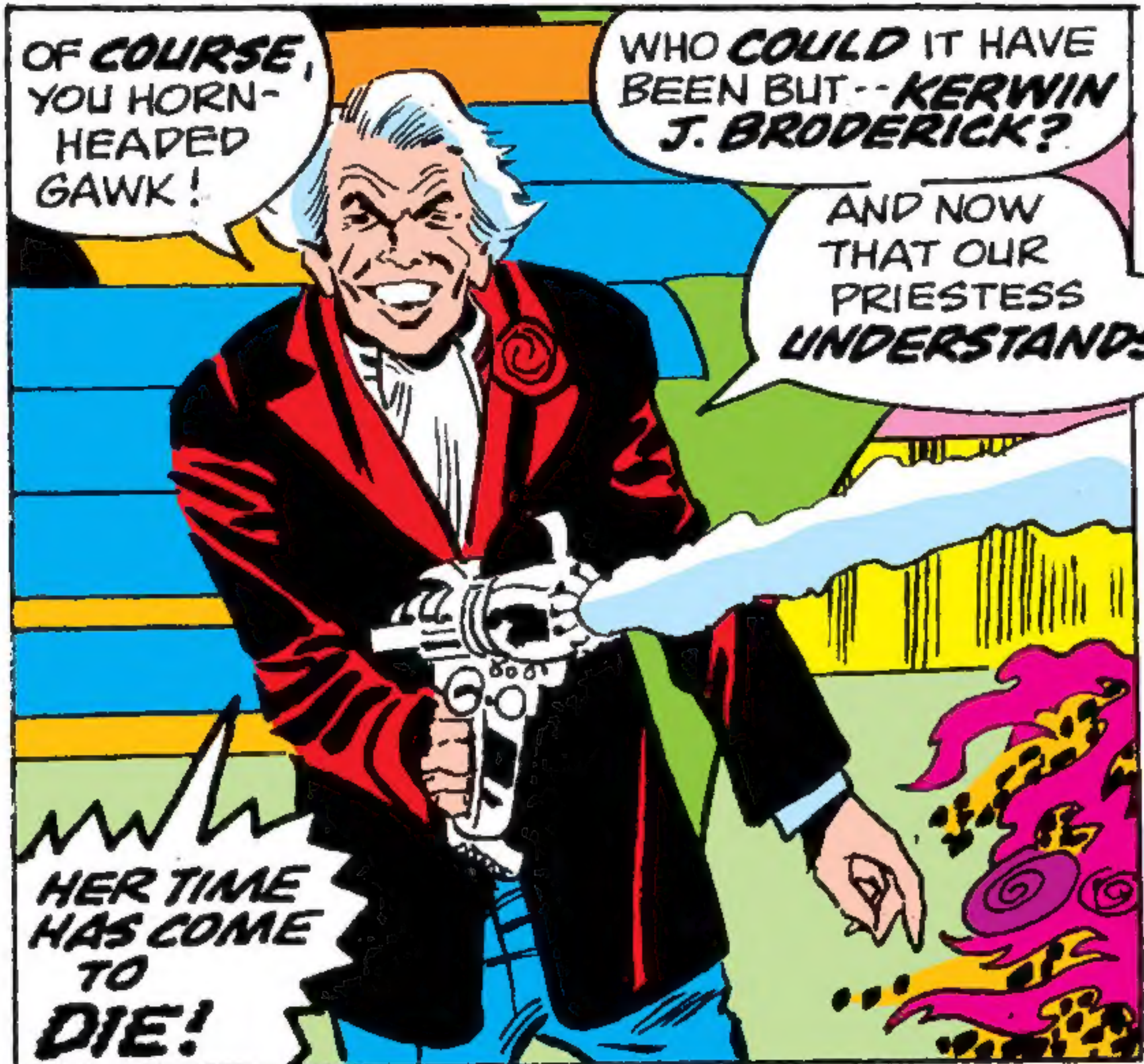
B-BUT YOU'RE UNDER **ARREST**!

IZZAT SO? WELL, GET THIS, CRUMB--

THE **RAMROD'S** BUSTIN' LOOSE!!





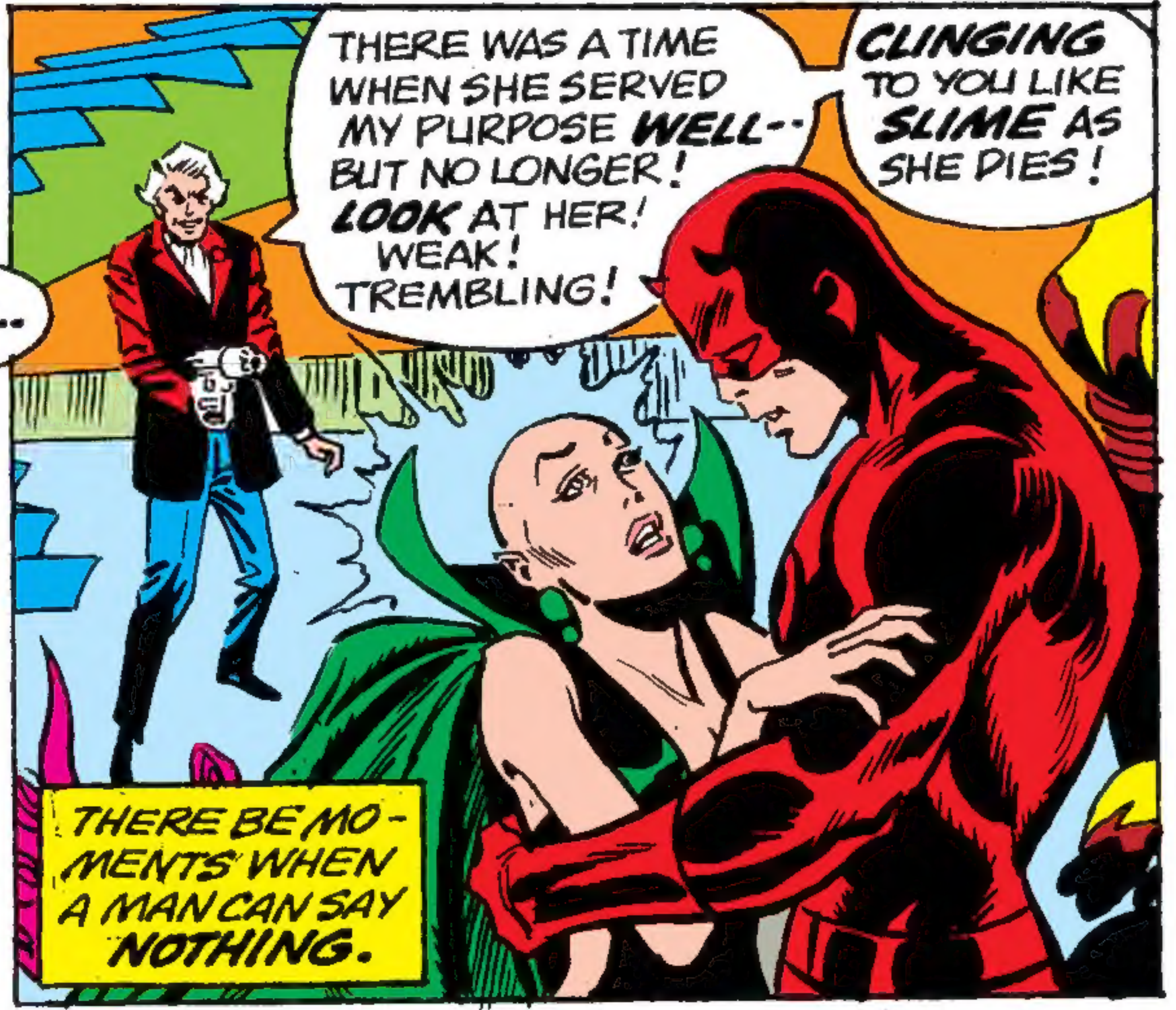


OF COURSE, YOU HORN-HEADED GAWK!

WHO COULD IT HAVE BEEN BUT--KERWIN J. BRODERICK?

AND NOW THAT OUR PRIESTESS UNDERSTANDS--

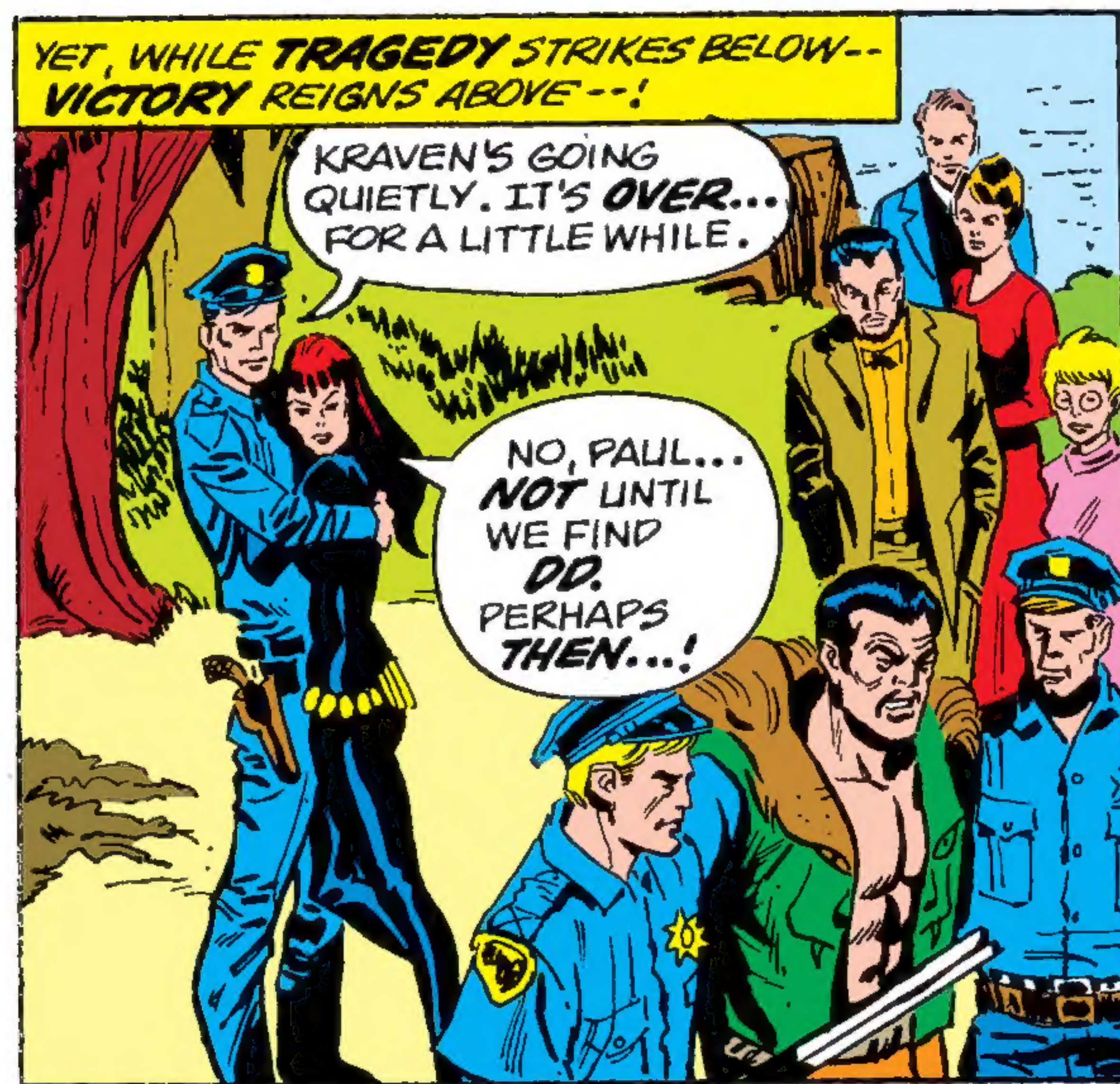
HER TIME HAS COME TO DIE!



THERE WAS A TIME WHEN SHE SERVED MY PURPOSE WELL-- BUT NO LONGER! LOOK AT HER! WEAK! TREMBLING!

CLINGING TO YOU LIKE SLIME AS SHE DIES!

THERE BE MOMENTS WHEN A MAN CAN SAY NOTHING.



YET, WHILE TRAGEDY STRIKES BELOW-- VICTORY REIGNS ABOVE--!

KRAVEN'S GOING QUIETLY. IT'S OVER... FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

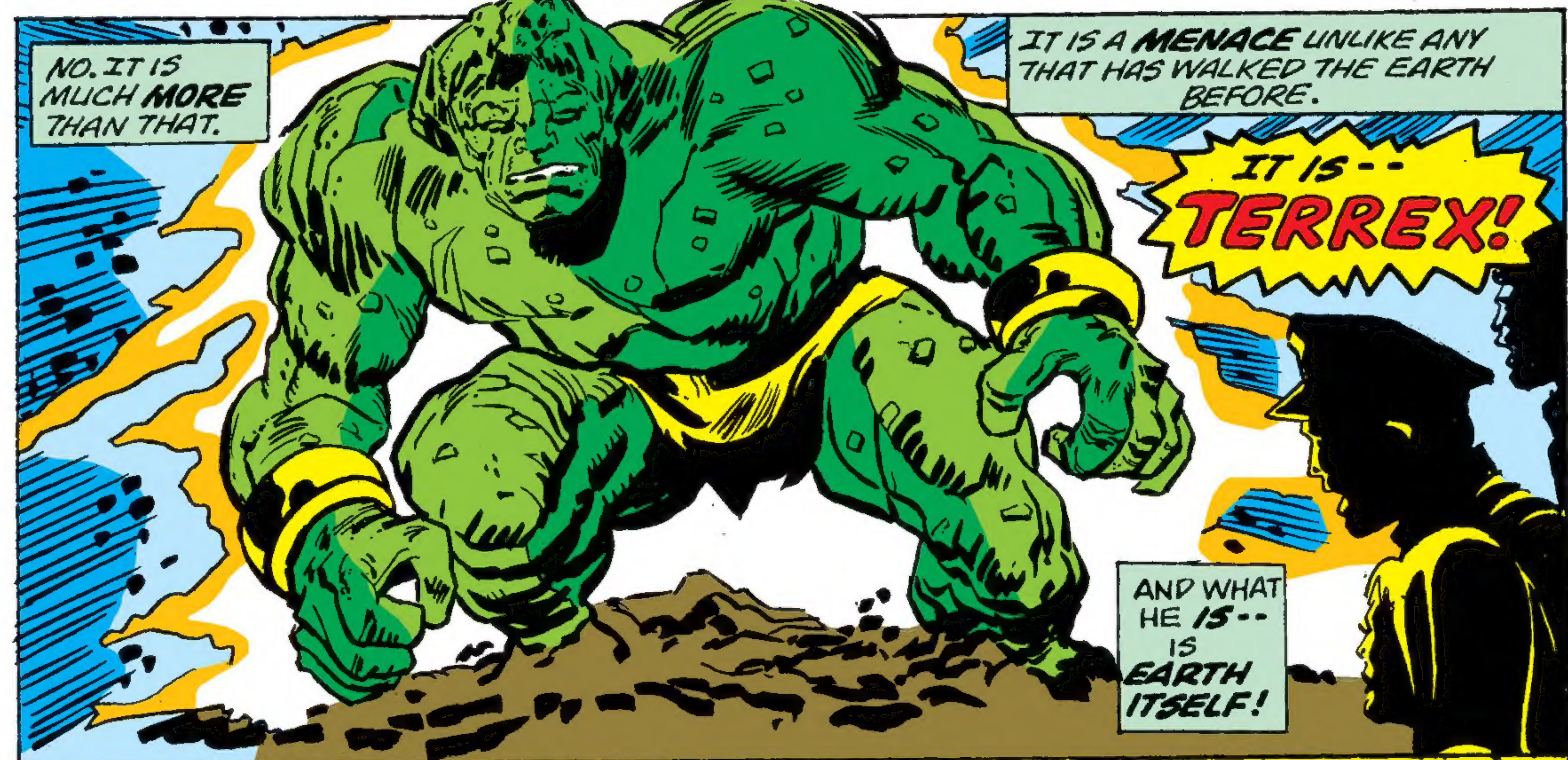
NO, PAUL... NOT UNTIL WE FIND DD. PERHAPS THEN...!



ASSUMING "THEN" EVER COMES-- FOR AT THAT MOMENT--!

HEY! THE GROUND'S QUAKING! LOOK OVER THERE!

PAUL... IT'S SOME KIND OF ERUPTION!



NO. IT IS MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

IT IS A MENACE UNLIKE ANY THAT HAS WALKED THE EARTH BEFORE.

IT IS-- TERREX!

AND WHAT HE IS-- IS EARTH ITSELF!

NEXT • BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE IS A LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THIS, AND YOU'LL FIND IT-- PLUS A STUNNING SURPRISE IN -- "LIFE BE NOT PROUD!"

